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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, confers with Commonwealth Ports Authority acting executive director Maryann Lizama while Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider looks on at the command post at the Agingan Point yesterday morning.

3 killed in Star Marianas crash

» 4 other passengers in critical but stable condition at CHC
» Pilot among fatalities

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The crash of a Star Marianas Piper PA-32-300 Cherokee Six aircraft early yesterday morning claimed the lives of three people—the plane's pilot and two of his passengers.

A friend of the pilot confirmed that the deceased Star Marianas employee was Luis Silva, a 50-something native of Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico, who had only been working for the inter-island carrier the past couple of months. Prior to his employment at Star Marianas, Silva worked for Freedom Air.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately confirmed that the two other fatalities of the crash are Chinese nationals, a 29-year-old man and a 26-year-old woman.

Four other passengers of the ill-fated

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4 survivors recovering at hospital

» Administration: A very sad day for all of us

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Four passengers that included a 3-year-old child survived early yesterday morning's Star Marianas crash and were airlifted from Tinian to Saipan to receive treatment, while two other adult passengers and the male pilot died at the jungle crash site.

The four survivors are two female adults, one male adult, and a 3-year-old girl, Commonwealth Healthcare

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'Extra and ample care provided to survivors'

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The Commonwealth Health Center activated yesterday its Code D (Disaster) to provide patient care to the victims after receiving information about the plane crash on Tinian, according to director for emergency and preparedness program Warren Villagomez.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Villagomez said under Code D, physicians and nurses are tasked to provide "extra and ample care" for victims that are taken to the emergency room.

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3 Star Marianas mishaps in 3 days

» 11 months after another fatal crash

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Yesterday's Star Marianas crash that claimed three lives and injured four others was the third and worst incident involving the same airline three days in a row starting Friday afternoon followed by another one early Saturday morning, barely 11 months since another Star Marianas crash that killed one and injured six others.

The early Sunday crash is believed to be the worst commercial aviation incident in the CNMI since at least the early '90s.

In two years, there were also incident

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Police officers and residents respond to an emergency landing of a Star Marianas aircraft on Friday on Broadway Avenue past the Tinian Airport, with no reported injury. The Friday emergency landing were followed by another incident on Saturday morning, and then an early Sunday morning crash on a Tinian jungle that claimed the lives of three and injured four others.

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Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant films on Saipan, Tinian

Phoenix Satellite TV of China filmed its prestigious *Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant* on Saipan and Tinian last month.

The pageant airs annually to an estimated 362 million people in China and an additional 4.3-million throughout Asia/Oceania. The segments taped in the Northern Marianas Islands will air in October and November 2013 and are expected to bring an estimated $1.9-million ad exposure value to this beach resort destination.

"Previous Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageants were filmed in locations such as Paris, Switzerland, Las Vegas, and Australia. The Marianas Visitors Authority is very pleased to have them choose their first tropical-themed location to be the Northern Marianas," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "The pageant, which is one of two main pageants held annually in China, is an excellent opportunity to create publicity for Saipan and Tinian through broadcast TV in China and also throughout the world via satellite and cable systems owned by Phoenix TV."

The contestants and film crew were in the Northern Marianas from Sept. 16-27, 2013.

During filming, they visited American Memorial Park, learned about indigenous culture and wildlife, took a submarine ride and a sunset cruise, visited Managaha, went parasailing, filmed at I Love Saipan and DFS Galleria, enjoyed an outdoor barbecue at Kanoa Resort and a dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa.

On Tinian, the group was welcomed by the mayor, visited the historic World War II North Field, savored seafood at Fleming Restaurant, and filmed at the iconic Taga Park and Tinian blowhole.

Filming was also conducted at other scenic sites including Mt. Tapochao, Suicide Cliff, Banzai Cliff, and San Juan Beach.

The Top 12 contestants announced during the Saipan and Tinian segments were also named tourism ambassadors for the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(MVA)***

PDM Promoters cleanup yields 980 lbs

PDM Promoters, Inc. was at it again on Saturday, with its team of volunteers collecting 980 lbs of garbage at the Paseo de Marianas.

The non-profit organization's spokesperson, Sonia Siwa, said that 30 volunteers took part in the cleanup: 20 Saipan Awaodori members, nine Kinpachi Restaurant staff, and one parent of a Saipan Awaodori member.

Aside from picking up trash around the tourist site, the volunteers also spruced up the Paseo de Marianas' trees by cutting and trimming them.

PDM Promoters is a community group also known for its support of the cultural dance group, the Saipan Awaodori Team, as well as keeping the Paseo de Marianas spick and span throughout the year.

The group's monthly cleanups collect up to 1,000 lbs of trash during these drives. Aside from the TSL Foundation, other major sponsors of PDM Promoters are DFS Galleria Saipan and Docomo Pacific. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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The 30 PDM Promoters volunteers pose for a photo with the 980 lbs of trash they collected at Paseo de Marianas last Saturday.

Miyako serves up Japanese comfort food

Miyako, Hyatt Regency Saipan's Japanese outlet, will be serving up Japanese comfort food known as Yoshoku starting tonight until the end of October.

Luis Villagomez, Hyatt assistant manager for marketing communications, said the Garapan landmark is introducing Yoshoku, which is Western-influenced Japanese dishes, so that locals and guests from off-island will get to experience what comfort food in Japan is like.

Sales coordinator Peter Matagolai said that Yoshoku has quite a following in Japan and it's about time island residents get to sample Hyatt's take on these popular dishes.

Matagolai, who is half Japanese, said he practically grew up eating Yoshoku as the dishes are a staple in their household.

Initially, Miyako will be offering four dishes of the Japanese adaptations of Western-style cooking: kaki furai, katsu kare, omurice, and gyaniku katsu.

Kaki furai, which is fried oysters with tartar sauces and lemon wedge, is priced at $10. Katsu kare is breaded kurobuta pork, Japanese curry, and steamed rice and can be had for $20.

Fried rice, omelet, and home made salsa comprise the $10 omurice, while gyunika katsu is certified Angus Beef kastu and cabbage and is the most expensive of the lot at $30.

Yoshoku diners will be given a complimentary mojito drink.

Yoshoku at Miyako will be offered Monday to Friday, from 6pm to 9pm starting tonight, Oct. 7.

The Yoshoku style of cooking came to prominence during the Meiji Restoration of Japan. It was unlike the typical Japanese cuisine at the time, which was based mostly on seafood, as Yoshoku relies on meat as a common element.

"Yoshoku is something different and something we haven't tried before. We want our guests to experience and taste something new so we invite them to come and dine at Miyako and try our Yoshoku," said Villagomez.

For more information or for reservations at Miyako, call Hyatt Regency Saipan at 234-1234 Ext. 5771. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Tourism Topics

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

Tourism is everybody's business.

Travel with Weibo to the Northern Marianas

The **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** continues its social media activities in China, with a **Travel with Weibo, Go Around the World** campaign coop with **Sina Weibo**, China's largest social media platform.

The media co-op, launched on Aug. 23, 2013, will conclude this Thursday (Oct. 8). The program, launched on the MVA's Weibo page, requires participants to repost content to be entered into a drawing for an airline ticket from Beijing to Saipan. The program also aims to raise interest and interaction among Weibo users by the posting of personal experiences. The objectives of the co-op include maximizing awareness of the NMI as an ideal travel destination for Chinese customers and to introduce fun activities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

As of the latest available statistics through August 2013, over 102,000 visitors from China had visited the Northern Mariana Islands, an increase of 42 percent compared to the same period the previous fiscal year.

Saipan Tinian Rota

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Contractor settles CPA's suit over defective airport project

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The federal court has approved a settlement between the Commonwealth Ports Authority and Texas-based contractor Leo A Daly Co. to resolve CPA's $1-million lawsuit for a defective Tinian airport project.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood issued the order on Friday after reviewing the filings in the case.

A check with court files showed that as of Friday afternoon, the settlement agreement was still sealed.

CPA, through counsel Matthew Gregory, and Leo A. Daly, through counsel Robert O'Connor, appeared at the hearing for their joint motion to have the settlement approved.

Attorney Colin Thompson also appeared at the hearing for his client, civil engineer William S. Hofschneider, who, along with AIC Marianas, was sued by Leo A. Daly, in turn, as third-party defendants.

Thompson told the court that Hofschneider had not been released from the case. O'Connor explained that the parties would be able to resolve the issue against Hofschneider within a week whether or not to release the only pending defendant.

CPA filed the lawsuit in February 2012 against Leo Daly for the allegedly faulty construction of the Tinian airport's departure terminal. Leo Daly then filed a third-party complaint against AIC Marianas.

Leo Daly got the contract in 2003 for $399,000. Leo Daly designed the West Tinian Airport facilities improvement and provided construction management services during construction. It completed its services in December 2008.

CPA contracted AIC Marianas in 2004 for general construction contracting services. In 2005, Leo Daly subcontracted Hofschneider for the construction management services that Leo Daly had agreed to provide CPA.

In 2009, the CNMI government also sued Leo Daly due to the defective design of the Commonwealth Health Center's dialysis center. The parties reached a $2-million settlement in 2010.

High Court affirms Xiao's convictions for drug crimes

On Oct. 4, 2013, the Supreme Court upheld Jing Xin Xiao's convictions in the case *Commonwealth v. Jing Xin Xiao*. In his appeal, Xiao alleged numerous errors by the Superior Court during his trial for possession and trafficking of a controlled substance, which resulted in convictions.

The arguments Xiao raised on appeal included: (1) prosecutorial misconduct during opening and closing statements; (2) impermissible expert witness testimony; (3) the trial court's improper denial of his motion requesting an expert witness; (4) the trial court's improper denial of his motion for continuance; (5) impermissible chains-of-custody admitted into evidence; (6) improper character evidence; and (7) cumulative errors resulting in an unfair trial.

The Supreme Court disagreed with most of Xiao's contentions, but the court did conclude that the prosecution made two improper statements. The first improper statement came during an opening argument, when the prosecutor inappropriately asked the jury to convict Xiao, in part, to address a drug epidemic facing society. The second improper statement was made during a closing argument, when the prosecutor inappropriately characterized a few remarks by Xiao as a confession. Ultimately, though, the High Court found these statements did not affect the fundamental fairness of his trial. As a result, the Supreme Court found Xiao was not entitled to a new trial.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *Commonwealth v. Jing Xin Xiao*, 2013 MP 12, and can be found at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme13.html. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

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MISHAPS

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of flat tires and engines dying while still on the tarmac, sources said.

Star Marianas confirmed in a media release early Sunday morning that the plane involved was a Piper PA-32-300 Cherokee 6 aircraft.

Last year's crash also involved a Piper Cherokee aircraft.

On Friday afternoon, a smaller Star Marianas aircraft made an emergency landing "on Broadway Avenue past the Tinian airport heading north."

"There was no injury," one of the sources said.

On early Saturday morning, a Star Marianas aircraft also "fell off on a manhole or a ditch at the Tinian airport," sources said. There was no injury reported.

The two were still being inspected when the third and fatal incident occurred early yesterday morning when a Star Marianas aircraft crashed in a jungle east of the Voices of America Tower on Tinian.

The Star Marianas aircraft left Tinian Airport at 2:41am Sunday, for what was supposed to be a 15-minute or so flight to Saipan.

The aircraft didn't reach the Saipan International Airport at the expected time, prompting response not only from Star Marianas but also from CNMI and federal agencies.

The Star Marianas plane was carrying six passengers and one pilot.

Three perished in yesterday's crash—the male pilot, a 29-year-old Chinese male, and a 26-year-old Chinese female.

The bodies remained at the hard-to-access crash site at around 5pm yesterday, before they were brought to Saipan later in the evening.

The four survivors were airlifted to Saipan by a U.S. Navy helicopter early Sunday afternoon, for treatment at the Commonwealth Health Center.

In the morning of Nov. 19, 2012, a Star Marianas aircraft crashed as it landed at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport from Tinian, killing a Chinese tourist.

Star Marianas Air executive vice president Shaun Christian said at the time that it was the first-ever in the history of the company's operations since 1999.

Despite the two fatal plane crashes in less than a year, government officials and residents said the CNMI remains a safe place for travel, considering that each of the planes involved had over 4,000 takeoffs and landings a month.

Still, others believe the crash will have an impact on interisland travel and tourism in general but they're hoping it will be short-lived.

A Piper Cherokee commuter plane owned by Star Marianas idles on the runway of the Tinian International Airport. Image courtesy of Lee Abbamonte. LEEABBAMONTE.COM

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plane survived the crash and were airlifted from the crash site, located about 4 nautical miles from the airport. They are listed in critical but stable condition at the Commonwealth Health Center. ***(See related story)***

U.S. Coast Guard petty officer Raymond Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that a U.S. Navy helicopter discovered the crash site at 10:32am yesterday. The crash site is east of the Voices of America Tower on Tinian and is inaccessible by land.

Shortly after the discovery of the downed plane, Navy personnel airlifted the four survivors from the crash site and transported them to the airport where they were eventually flown to the Saipan hospital.

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Commander Morgan Roper earlier confirmed that four of the seven people aboard the plane survived the crash.

USCG Search and Rescue Specialist Lee Putnam told the Guam-based Pacific News Center that two of the bodies were still in the fuselage and one was outside the plane on the ground.

Putnam said the area has been roped off and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, acting on behalf of the National Transportation and Safety Board, has joined CNMI investigators at the scene.

Demapan said the FBI has taken over the investigation until such time that NTSB officials are on the ground.

The bodies of the three fatalities were reportedly en route to Saipan and were set to arrive around 7:30pm last night aboard a DPS Fire boat at Sugar Dock.

Star Marianas statement

Star Marianas' Shaun Christian told *Saipan Tribun*e in an email that his company is very sorry about the tragic loss and added that Star Marianas is fully cooperating with authorities to ascertain the cause of the crash.

"We are doing everything possible to assist the victims and their families. We are also cooperating with the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] and NTSB in investigating the cause of the accident and we are not at liberty to discuss the specifics of the accident at this time. We want to thank DPS, CPA, U.S. Coast Guard, CHC, THC, Red Cross, and other rescue and response personnel."

Christian also corrected a prior media release that stated that Star Marianas has already notified the victims' next of kin.

"Apparently, the notifications to the families in China have not been made at this time. Therefore, we are unable to provide the name list of the passengers."

Search and rescue effort

Before the plane's discovery on Tinian, three boats and a U.S. Navy helicopter conducted a search and rescue effort for the Star Marianas plane, which authorities initially presumed crashed in the ocean.

In a news briefing shortly before noon yesterday at the Agingan Point, which is one of the closest strips of land to Tinian, Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman said a U.S. Navy helicopter as well as the Department of Public Safety's Zodiac boat, a boat from the Commonwealth Ports Authority, and another boat from the Division of Environmental Quality combed the waters between Saipan and Tinian for the missing airplane.

He said 57 personnel in all from various government and federal agencies on both Saipan and Tinian were involved in the search and rescue effort.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos was also present at the command center yesterday morning, along with Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero, acting CPA executive director Maryann Lizama, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ken McCain, and other officials.

Inos was supposed to speak during the impromptu briefing but, according to press secretary Angel Demapan, he begged off from making comments because of the sketchy information about the lost plane.

Christian said the company reported their missing Piper PA-32-300 Cherokee Six aircraft to the Commonwealth Ports Authority at 3:15am yesterday. He said the plane left the West Tinian Airport at 2:41am enroute to Saipan International Airport.

EXTRA

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Villagomez said that four victims were taken to the emergency room but that he can't confirm their injuries as the case is still under investigation.

Villagomez said the victims were airlifted from Tinian and that the first two arrived at CHC at 12:43pm.

At 1pm, *Saipan Tribune* saw several nurses wearing protective gear at CHC's emergency room where the survivors were taken—two women, one man, and one female child.

American Red Cross executive director John Hirsh was also seen outside the emergency room.

Hirsh said that whenever there is any sort of disaster in the community, whether it is a single family fire or earthquake or aviation incident, they work very closely with CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management and their partners at the hospital.

"We provide assistance to the first responders. We also provide assistance to any incident that involves aviation. We work closely with the families," he said.

With the enactment of the Family Assistance Act, Hirsh said, they provide mental health support and interpreters, among others.

Meanwhile, an August 2006 crash involving a Piper Cherokee aircraft in Upper Dandan, Saipan, where all seven occupants, including the pilot, sustained serious injuries but survived, ended up in separate lawsuits.

The plane crashed in a farm, bursting into flames in Upper Dandan while en route to Tinian. The plane was completely destroyed. Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino was reportedly leasing the plane at the time.

In 2011, Tinian Dynasty settled the lawsuits filed by at least four passengers, three of them Japanese nationals.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Bureau investigated the matter, but no information was released as to the cause of the crash.

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Corp. officials said in a news briefing at 3pm yesterday.

They are all Chinese nationals and are tourists.

Dr. Marty Rohringer, an emergency room doctor at the hospital, said at 3pm yesterday that the three adult survivors were listed in critical but stable condition and two of them underwent "surgical intervention."

"There are three adults, one child. Three adults were all in critical but stable condition during assessment treatment. The child was in serious but stable condition," he said.

Rohringer said the injuries were "critical and serious."

Dr. Sherleen Osmond, CHC nephrologist and hospital medical director, said it's "much too early to say" whether any of the adult survivors would need to be sent to an off-island hospital.

'Sad day'

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the government will continue working with federal authorities with oversight of aviation activities in the CNMI.

"This is a very unfortunate incident and a very sad day for all of us here and especially the families of the pilot and passengers. However, it is important that we allow the proper authorities, both federal and local, to conduct their assessment and investigation to determine the cause of [Sunday's] accident," Demapan said.

Interisland travel is very important in the CNMI, he said.

"Thus, travelers can be assured that the government and our federal partners will thoroughly investigate this matter," he added.

Esther Muña, interim CHC chief executive officer, reassured the families that the patients at CHC are being taken cared of by a "great team."

"They were quick to respond in 30 minutes. We want to express that every patient that comes here at CHC, we're going to give them the best care that we can provide. And we did that today," Muña told reporters at the CHC administrative offices.

CHC officials thanked all those who helped respond to the emergency.

A group of Chinese tourists who were with the victims on this tour of the CNMI also stayed at CHC to be with the survivors.

They and the hospital were assisted by the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter led by executive director John Hirsh.

3 dead

At about 5pm yesterday, the bodies of the three who died were still at the crash site on Tinian.

They were brought to Saipan on body bags via boat last night.

Demapan confirmed that the pilot—a Caucasian male—was among the three who perished on Tinian.

He said the two passengers who died were a "29-year-old Chinese male and a 26-year-old Chinese female."

"Pending notification of next of kin, we are not able to disclose any further details," he said.

Sources said the father of the child who survived was the male passenger that was killed in the crash.

The plane was a Piper PA-32-300 Cherokee Six.

Airlifted from Tinian

Warren Villagomez, CHC emergency preparedness director, said he received the first call at 5:45am yesterday from CNMI homeland security advisor Marvin Seman about the aircraft crash, and CHC mobilization and other preparations began immediately.

At 8:30am, Villagomez said CHC activated its Code "D" and all medical personnel were called in to the hospital. He said all the medical personnel arrived within 30 to 45 minutes.

"At one point during the assessment, we were going to mobilize Dr. Rohringer and staff to Tinian to provide support but from the assessment response effort that was being done on Tinian, we decided to hold back and stay on Saipan to receive the patients that we received over at ER on Saipan," Villagomez said.

A U.S. Navy helicopter brought the survivors from Tinian to the Saipan International Airport.

Villagomez said the patients started arriving on Saipan at 12:43pm, and were transported to the Commonwealth Health Center where emergency medical personnel were already waiting.

All the airlifted survivors were conscious when they arrived on Saipan, CHC officials said.

'Training paying off'

Rohringer said there was an "excellent response" to the Code D call.

"All the surgeons, anesthesia and staff came to assist so there was no manpower shortage at all. Everyone was there promptly. We were actually standing in the hallway when the patients arrived," the ER doctor said.

Villagomez said the training that CHC has been doing "is really paying off."

Hirsh of the American Red Cross noted the "very long history of working closely" with the hospital and the leadership.

"We value that partnership It's really played out today. We had lots of volunteers on site this morning working here at the hospital. We provided disaster mental health to family members and friends, and a cadre of interpreters..." he said.

Also at yesterday's CHC news briefing were public health and emergency preparedness planner Rosita Waldon, hospital services administrator Jesse Tudela, and American Red Cross disaster volunteer Claudine Atalig.

Muña said CHC may hold another briefing today along with other agencies.

Tinian Health Center director William Cing declined to comment as of yesterday afternoon.

Council still accepting nominations for Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is still soliciting nominations for the 2013 Governor's Humanities Awards, according to its executive director, Scott Russell.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories: research and publication in the humanities; preservation of traditional cultural practices; preservation of CNMI history; and outstanding humanities teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

The 2012 awardees included Dr. Keith L. Camacho, research and publication in the humanities; Tita A. Hocog, preservation of traditional cultural practices; Tonny Y. Goobad, preservation of CNMI history; Carmen S. Taimanao and Catherine R. Perry, outstanding humanities teachers; and Agnes M. McPhetres, Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and are due no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 11.

Awards will be presented during a special ceremony to be held in late October.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Woodruff says his $1M fee saves CNMI govt nearly $13.8M

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Betty Johnson's local counsel, Stephen C. Woodruff, states that his petition for $1.01 million in attorney's fees would save the CNMI government nearly $13.8 million when applying a Ninth Circuit benchmark.

In his reply to support his petition for attorney's fees, Woodruff said the benchmark reasonable fee is 25 percent of the benefit to the class.

In Johnson's case, Woodruff said, the benefit to the class has been calculated at $591.22 million.

Accordingly, he said, a reasonable attorney's fees for class counsel in this case is 25 percent of that amount, about $147.8 million.

He said he had indicated to the U.S. District Court for the NMI that his share should be 10 percent of that amount or roughly $14.8 million if the Ninth Circuit benchmark were applied.

"But class counsel are not seeking anywhere near that amount," he said.

Instead, Woodruff said, they have asked for only 5 percent of the benefit of the class.

In other words, he said, he and other co-counsels—Bronster Hoshibata law firm and Bruce Jorgensen—are asking for only a fifth, i.e., 20 percent of that to which they are entitled to according to the Ninth Circuit benchmark.

The Honolulu-based Bronster Hoshibata law firm is seeking $17.5 million in attorney's fees and costs; Jorgensen is demanding $18.6 million, $29.6 million, or $38.9 million. Attorney Timothy Lord, who is based in San Rafael, California, is asking for either $3.6 million or $5.9 million.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Monday did not rule on the petition for attorneys' fees and costs. Instead, she directed the counsels and the CNMI government to talk about the issue with Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris, who conducted the settlement discussions in Johnson's class action.

In his reply to support his petition, Woodruff said that applying the 5 percent percentage-of-benefit to the class and a 10-percent share, his fee request would amount to $2,956,096, nearly $12 million less than it would be applying the Ninth Circuit benchmark.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Wilfred "Kwek" Q. Lizama, who is celebrating his special day today, Oct. 7! May God bless you! Greetings come from Becky P. Cruz, families, and friends.

Happy 1st birthday Harley Makenzie! God has truly blessed us to have you in our lives. Your smile brings us so much happiness, we can't ask for anything more! We love you dearly and wish you all the best and hope that your twinkle little star may shine upon you on this very special and blessed day! May God bless you always. Love, Grandma Judi and Grandpa Joe.

2 copper wire thieves get max of 5 yrs.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Two habitual offenders who burglarized a company and stole various sizes of copper wire tubing and a hammer drill were each sentenced on Friday to a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

At a change of plea hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said that Christopher R. Ayuyu and Julian Muna Sablan will serve their sentences without the possibility of parole or early release.

Ayuyu, 38, and Sablan, 24, were each given credit of five months and 24 days for time served.

The two were ordered to jointly pay $7,507.21 in restitution to Chong's Corp.

Ayuyu and Sablan, through their respective counsels, pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll appeared for the government and recommended the maximum sentence.

Camacho said that Ayuyu and Sablan are repeat offenders with numerous criminal records for just about every year as far back to 1993 (Ayuyu) and 2004 (Sablan) for such crimes as burglary.

"Copper wire thefts are essentially damaging to public and private property. Criminals destroy worth of property for just a handful of dollars when copper wires are sold as scrap metal," said Camacho during separate sentencing of the defendants.

He said law-abiding citizens of the CNMI cry out for justice against the plague of thefts, burglaries, and robberies.

"The can be no justice without the appropriate punishment," the judge said.

According to court papers, on March 7 to 8, 2013, Ayuyu and Sablan stole various sizes of copper tubing and a Bosch hammer drill valued at $7,507.21 from Chong's Corp. on Saipan.

Wang Hong, a 40-year-old man who allegedly purchased some of the stolen items and tried to sell rolls of copper tubing, was also charged with receiving stolen goods. He cooperated with the Office of the Attorney General and in exchange the OAG had his case dismissed.

The case was solved after police detective Roque K. Camacho received an anonymous call that three men went to Triple J. Recycling Center in As Perdido on March 8 to sell rolls of copper wires. The center did not buy the copper wires since the three men had no identification cards.

Camacho reviewed the surveillance camera at the center, leading to the identification of the defendants.

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Social

Children with autism may:

- Not share warm, joyful facial expressions, such as smiles by 6 months
- Not babble and coo by 12 months
- Not respond to their name by 12 months
- Use few or no gestures (e.g., does not wave goodbye, point, etc.) by 12 months
- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

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Children with autism may:

- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas

Children with autism often:

- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4830** for a free developmental screening.

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Ex-CRM official pleads guilty to new wire fraud case

Former Coastal Resources Management official Benny K. Pangelinan has pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of wire fraud in connection with his new involvement in an Internet scam.

Pangelinan, who is represented by attorney Steven Pixley, signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government and entered a guilty plea on Friday.

Wire fraud has a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Pangelinan will be sentenced on Feb. 21, 2014.

When U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona asked him to explain why he did what he did, Pangelinan said he did not profit from the scheme and that he started demanding money from the victims for deposit as the people he was communicating with on the Internet were very convincing.

"I ran out of resources. I tried to secure more funds to satisfy the demand. I realized that it's not the way it should be," Pangelinan said.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe said that paramount to the U.S. government is to retrieve the victims' money.

According to Backe in the information, Pangelinan transmitted or caused to be transmitted a total of $3,770 through wire transfers to Malaysia and Australia in 2011.

Backe said that Pangelinan participated in the scheme from Oct. 14, 2010, to Oct. 31, 2011, obtaining money and property by means of fraudulent pretenses and promises.

Pangelinan approached friends and family members, including three victims, and told them that he was going to receive large sums of money from off-island sources.

The defendant reportedly told the victims that he needed their help in getting the money to Saipan by paying for fees, taxes, or similar expenses associated with the electronic transfer of funds.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of wire fraud charges for defrauding potential investors and for his involvement in an Internet scam. He was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay $129,250 in restitution to five victims.

In September 2011, the U.S. Probation Office moved to revoke Pangelinan's probation after finding out that he borrowed $21,450 from a couple and received over $11,000 from a family member, with promises to both that he will double their money.

In January 2012, the court placed Pangelinan in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for hospitalization. The court had found the defendant in violation of the probation, but at the same time determined that there is cause to believe the defendant "is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross health & safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- Tues., Oct. 8 at 4:30pm: Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning
- Tues., Oct. 8 at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Blended Learning courses involve online courses with in-person skills exam and require at least 48-hour preregistration. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 9-10, from 10am to 2pm and 7pm to 10pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

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CHCC program managers complete leadership training at NMC

NMC

The CNMI Area Health Education Center, through the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute, recently awarded certificates to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. program managers for completing the "Leadership and Management Training" course offered through CDI. In this photo are Orrin Pharmin, AHEC program coordinator, far left; NMC Business Department chair Chavel Green, fifth from left; and NMC's Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Grace Turner, far right.

Twelve program managers from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. recently completed a "Leadership and Management Training" course facilitated by the CNMI Area Health Education Center through the Northern Marianas College's Community Development Institute.

The 12 CHCC program managers completed the two-day training course, which was designed to sharpen the skills of managers to help them better understand and better communicate with the people they work with and supervise. The course caters to both new and more experienced managers covering topics such as "Different Types of Communication," "Motivation," and "Management Stress."

During a ceremony held at CHCC, the 12 program managers received certificates of completion from NMC's Community Development Institute. The course was taught by NMC Business Department chairperson and instructor Chavel Green.

"Our community needs good leaders, especially in areas as important as health care, so we commend CHCC's program managers for taking time to attend this training," said acting CDI director Floyd Masga. "We wish them continued success as they continue to provide valuable services to our community."

For more information about NMC's Community Development Institute, contact the CDI Office at 237-6808/6809/6810 or email AHEC program coordinator Orrin Pharmin at orrin.pharmin@marianas.edu or CDI program manager Les Ogumoro-Uludong at les.ogumoro@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Chamber luncheon meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its October general membership luncheon meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, at the Pacific Islands Club from 11:30am to 12pm. Luncheon begins at 11:30am, while the meeting agenda commences at noon.

The meeting will feature two guest speakers this month.

Speaking before the assembled membership will be Maj. Chris Merrill, USMC, Operations Officer of Marine Corps Activity Guam. Merrill will be speaking concerning the Combined Joint Military Training in the Northern Mariana Islands, while attending public presentations on the ongoing EIS process.

Juan Carlos Benitez will speak on the Northern Mariana Islands EB-5 Regional Center. Benitez, with Robert Jones of Triple J Enterprises, owns and operates the EB-5 Regional Center on Saipan. Benitez will discuss the EB-5 Visa program and process, its conditional requirements on obtaining a U.S. green card, how long the application process takes, foreign investor costs, and time tables.

The SCC general membership luncheon is $20 for SCC members, $30 for non-members and guests. Contact the Chamber offices at 233-7150, or by emailing coordinator@saipanchamber.com to make reservations. ***(SCC)***

Public meetings for draft MITT EIS/OEIS postponed

Due to the federal government shutdown on Oct. 1, 2013, the U.S. Navy is postponing public meetings related to the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement. Public meetings will be rescheduled and the public notified of the new meeting dates. Public comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS will still be accepted during the government shutdown.

The following meetings are postponed:

- Guam, Oct. 7, 2013, 5 – 8pm: University of Guam, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129
- Saipan, Oct. 8, 2013, 5 – 8pm: Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
- Tinian, Oct. 9, 2013, 5 – 8pm: Tinian High School, San Jose Village
- Rota, Oct. 10, 2013, 5 – 8pm: Sinapalo Elementary School, Sinapalo I

The Navy has prepared a Draft EIS/OEIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with military readiness training and testing activities conducted within the MITT Study Area. Visit the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com to download the Draft EIS/OEIS, view other project materials and submit comments online. ***(PR)***

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L.I.F.E. PROGRAM

The Northern Marianas College's Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Program on Friday handed certificates to participants of the Workforce L.I.F.E. program who have just completed the computer literacy track. The program helps individuals prepare for or maintain meaningful careers. This is the second group of individuals who are undergoing the program; more than 200 individuals participated in the first cohort.

Task Force identifies over 500 work-ready residents

At the Society for Human Resources Management meeting on Aug. 29, 2013, Gov. Eloy S. Inos announced the formation of a task force to address the transition of foreign workers pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229, where employment opportunities are first from among U.S. citizens and nationals residing in the Commonwealth and if an adequate number of such workers are not available, from among legal permanent residents, including lawfully admissible citizens of the Freely Associated States. This focus embraces an all-inclusive workforce where people with disabilities and unemployed veterans are also part of the CNMI's workforce for employment opportunities.

Since the governor's announcement, CNMI Works Target 2014 Task Force organized itself consisting of the CNMI Department of Labor as the lead agency, along with Workforce Investment Agency, Department of Commerce, Northern Marianas College, CNMI Scholarship Office, SHEFA, OPM, NMTI, NAP, PSS and most importantly, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and HANMI, the largest sector employers in the CNMI.

The task force held its initial meeting on Sept. 6, 2013, and identified key actionable strategies that will respond to U.S. P.L. 110-229's provision of foreign workers transition by December 2014. Actionable strategies identified are:

1) Increase labor outreach and registration of the unemployed, enforcement activities, and employment referrals of registered and work-ready individuals;

2) Review of P.L. 15-108 and its enforcement provisions governing public sector hiring that aligns with the CNMI's Scholarship investments of $84 million to date (CNMI Scholarship (1994 – date $63M) and SHEFA (2004-date $21M). This effort responds to bringing home the talents of the CNMI's graduates from on/off-island, review of P.L. 17-1 and its enforcement provisions under NMI Administrative Code Chapter 80 Department of Labor, Employment Rules and Regulations to include JVA postings at the broadest mean which is the official state job bank of https://www.marianaslabor.net;

3) Freedom of Information Act letter to request data on position and industry classifications on approved CWs for purposes of targeting sector trainings that will be funded by the education fees recipients such as NMC ($500K), PSS ($500K) and NMTI ($400K) collected at $150 per beneficiary and by other allowable/identified funding sources such as technical assistance grants;

4) Job fairs on all three islands connecting employers and the unemployed with the main event targeted for Nov. 23, 2013 on Saipan;

5) Collection and validation of available and unemployed workforce data inventory on all three islands;

6) Establish an official dialogue with U.S. Department of Homeland Security and/or USCIS regarding employer compliance and certifications with emphasis from amongst six requirements by law for employers to, 1) consider all available U.S. workers for the positions, and 2) comply with all federal and CNMI requirements relating to employment, including but not limited to non-discrimination, occupational safety and minimum wage requirements.

In line with the above employer requirements, at its latest meeting on Oct. 3, 2013, the task force identified 538 registered work-ready individuals, with CNMI DOL taking the lead to accelerate referrals to employers for many entry level positions, identified 702 "able-bodied" NAP recipients between the ages of 18-54 that are required to actively seek employment and as such NAP Administrator to take the lead to work closely with the CNMI DOL and to tighten policies and enforcement, reducing dependency on food stamps and to increase family self-sufficiency, and thirdly, identified 301 college graduates with the credentials for employment where both scholarship programs CNMI and SHEFA taking the lead to work closely with CNMI DOL and OPM in placing/referring these graduates in meaningful jobs in both public and private sectors.

Of the 538 identified work-ready individuals, O*NET (The Occupational Information Network database of occupational requirements and worker attributes) classifications showing the highest numbers are cashiers (45); kitchen helpers (18); bus drivers (11); gas attendants (14); hotel/motel front desk clerks (39); housekeeping/maids (18); groundskeeping worker/maintenance (21); general office clerks (121); ticket/travel reservation clerks (7); sales representatives (14); security guards (19); stockers/warehouse workers (55); waiters/waitress (65).

CNMI DOL's Employment/Placement and Enforcement Divisions will be closely monitoring JVAs to include employer certifications ensuring qualified U.S. citizens and nationals residing in the Commonwealth and if an adequate number of such workers are not available, from among legal permanent residents, including lawfully admissible citizens of the Freely Associated States are given the employment opportunities they are deemed qualified for.

An additional 417 individuals classified as "work-ready" are pending ONET classifications by the CNMI DOL, which will bring to date once ONET classified a total of 955 work-ready individuals to be referred for employment/placement.

Although a request for five-year extension has been submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Labor, employers are encouraged to make contact and work closely with the CNMI DOL to help them get ready for the eventual transition whether its 2014, 2019, or somewhere in between.

U.S. P.L. 110-229 calls for the annual reduction of CW permits with the most recent announcement by Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2014 capping CNMI-only non-resident worker permits at 14,000. With the reduction in order, the task force at its latest meeting on Oct. 3, 2013, has seen a surge of 288 additional CNMI Labor unique registrants looking for work now at 1,709 from the previous report of 1,421 total active registrants looking for work. ***(Office of the Governor)***

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-172
Submission/Opening Date: October 24, 2013 • Time: 10:30 a.m.

"CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUS SHELTERS ON ROTA, A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF ROTA"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be addressed to Mr. Francisco M. Atalig, Receipient Grant Manager at tel. No. 670-532-9451/9452. All responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective bidders.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

/s/ Melchor A. Mendiola
Mayor of Rota

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-MOR-173
Submission/Opening Date: October 24, 2013 • Time: 11:00 a.m.

"PURCHASE OF AQUAPONIC CLAY PEBBLES, A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF ROTA"

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Director, P&S

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2013-CDA-06-RFP
Submission Date: October 9, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"BROWNFIELDS MARKETING PLAN FOR CDA"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular business hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No. 13-0188**
JOSE P. SAN NICOLAS,	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF HENRY H. SAN NICOLAS AS ADMINISTRATOR**
Decedent.	**DATE: October 15, 2013** **TIME: 1:30 PM** **JUDGE: Hon. David A. Wiseman**

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSE P. SAN NICOLAS OR OF HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 15, 2013 at 1:30 PM, the Court will hold a hearing before the Honorable Judge Wiseman, on Petitioner's Petition for Letter of Administration and to appoint him, Mr. Henry H. San Nicolas as an Executor in the above captioned matter, at the Superior Court for CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. You may file any responses to the Petition with this Court and with counsel for Petitioner Robert T. Torres at his office.

/s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATES OF: K.R.A.B. (DOB 2/17/03) R.J.A.B. (DOB 2/12/01) K.R.A.B. (DOB 2/12/00) Minor Children, By: Araceli A. Babauta Petitioner	**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0456** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estates of the above-named minor children by **Araceli A. Babauta**, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 31st day of October, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

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/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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This is to inform all CNMI Brokers/Realtors that we are currently accepting qualifications to represent the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA") in marketing of for sale properties. In order for CDA to consider your services you must submit the requirements below:

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4. **Work Plan for Marketing Properties.**
5. **References, etc. – All proposers shall include the name, address and telephone numbers of at least three (3) clients from whom Real Estate services have been performed.**
6. **Other information that may be helpful to the evaluation team.**
7. **Proposal must be submitted in one (1) original and two (2) copies.**

Brokers/Realtors qualification will be evaluated based on firm's history, performance and marketing plan. Qualified Brokers/Realtors will be required to sign a CDA Listing Agreement stating terms and conditions.

All request for qualification (RFQs) must be submitted by Monday, October 7, 2013 at the CDA office, 2nd Floor in Oleai no later than 4:00 p.m. All RFQ received after stated deadline will not be accepted.

For questions contact Aaron Wood at (670)234-6245 ext. 308 or by email at loan@cda.gov.mp

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PUBLIC MEETINGS POSTPONED
for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing EIS/OEIS

Due to the federal government shutdown on Oct. 1, 2013, the U.S. Navy is postponing public meetings related to the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). Public meetings will be rescheduled and the public notified of the new meeting dates. Public comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS will still be accepted during the federal government shutdown.

The following meetings are postponed:

- **Guam, Oct. 7, 2013:** University of Guam, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129
- **Saipan, Oct. 8, 2013:** Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
- **Tinian, Oct. 9, 2013:** Tinian High School, San Jose Village
- **Rota, Oct. 10, 2013:** Sinapalo Elementary School, Sinapalo I

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EDITORIAL

ACA isn't going away; GOP should help get it right

House Republicans have tried more than three dozen times in the last three years to repeal all or part of the 2010 health-care law, so it's hard to take them seriously now when they say they're trying to "improve" it.

In fact, when Republicans complain that Democrats won't negotiate about Obamacare, what they're really saying is that Democrats won't agree to kill it, delay the insurance reforms and subsidies until after yet another election, or undermine the law in a way that could send premiums for individual coverage through the roof.

The GOP's clear objective is to dismantle the act, not to improve it—and the single-minded focus on that goal is what has led to the partial government shutdown that began Tuesday. Democrats can hardly be blamed for refusing to bargain over how to sabotage the law before it fully takes effect.

It's too bad that Republicans aren't actually trying to make the law better, because the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is far from perfect. But the GOP's opposition has limited members of Congress to chipping away at the law, rescinding some provisions and cutting funds for others, rather than modifying its contents to fix problems as they emerge.

There are several things that members of Congress could be doing now to make it work better, if Republicans were interested. They could start by clearing up the uncertainties that have put some federal rules under a legal cloud—for example, by clarifying that Americans in every state can qualify for premium subsidies, not just those in the 16 states that are operating their own insurance-buying exchanges.

They could also look for ways to make the mandate to obtain coverage more effective. The financial penalties in the law are so low, many people would save money by paying the fine instead of signing up for coverage. That's particularly true of the younger, healthier people whose participation is key to holding down premiums. One step that would help on that front: allowing people over age 30 to sign up for less expensive plans with higher deductibles and out-of-pocket costs.

The Affordable Care Act rightly seeks to improve the U.S. health-care system by advancing simultaneously on multiple fronts: shifting incentives to promote wellness instead of just curing illness, seeking more effective and efficient treatments, and extending coverage to more Americans. Because it's a huge and complex endeavor, lawmakers and the administration will have to make adjustments as it's implemented in order to get it right. Judging by what they've been proposing, though, Republicans aren't interested in making those adjustments—they just want the law to go away.

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Aloha of the *Ohana*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Though born in the Philippines, the famous dugout Doug MacArthur's promise to Bataan—peninsula—cornered American and Filipino troops of "I shall return" was never in our repertoire of exit pronouncements, but "here I is" brings me back to this page after barely a month of absence after a sentimental exit.

We write from Hawaii, coming over briefly this week of China's national holiday, to visit 93-year-old Mom at the elders' care home. By coincidence, my high school class of INHS60 from Laoag in northern Luzon of the Philippines also met with former schoolmates coming from the U.S. mainland, Canada, and the Philippines being hosted by the Hawaiian contingent, so other than the obvious filial loyalty to a remaining parent, we also nurtured the prospect of surprising a few friends. We did.

Mother still beams with the smile of a young schoolgirl and the natural rouge on her cheeks is still of Mother Nature's, but she is no longer ambulatory without help; she resides now in an institution that can provide her 7/24 attention. Bravely, she keeps her flagship smile on display, but the aches and pains in various parts of her aging body are unmistakable. Aging is not a walk in the park!

Married to our decision in July to make Shenyang, China, the site of where we shall lay our head in our remaining 17 years of aging, we took a serious turn at our daily life. Being one who took the liberation of Christian freedom as an "intentional and futuric" guy, we took the time to chart the logistical course of a decent and human existence in our remaining years. Learning from the wisdom of the past where we avoided the tyranny of economic preeminence, anticipating the discernable trends of future demands on our honed skills, and celebrating the given-ness of whatever hand we are dealt with, we decided to reopen a pathway to lagoon-side, which we thought only a month ago was forever to be consigned to the memory ledger of our mind.

Teaching the spoken form of English as a foreign language, we hope now to design a regular learning trip for Chinese English learners to the Marianas, and possibly Hawaii. Conversely, we hope to do the same for folks eager to broaden their Sino-orientation, particularly to the northern *Zhongguo mianzu* in the Manchu and Mongol section of China. Though now dominated by the Han originating from the civilization between the mighty Huanghe and Yangtze rivers, the Manchuria that was home to the last Chinese dynasty of the Qing retains a distinctive character and history with Japan, the Koreas (and Yanbian, Korea in China), and Russia, separate from the dominant Han line.

The *aloha* in the *ohana* of kinship was our call this week, and the distant threads of school relations the second, but the unmistakable image of Hawaii and its diverse ethnic population is the possibility of *ohana* by choice, the reality of a thriving rainbow connection not only in the famed islands of the commercialized hula and the land of genetically altered pineapples and papayas, but for the rest of the Pacific Rim nations and Basin island groups.

The intentional community of cooperation, collaboration, creativity, and care remains in Oahu, heretofore maintained and sustained by a military ethos tempered by a historic assault on its Pearl Harbor and ensconced in demonstrated proficiencies in the art and discipline of war and mass destruction, but now awakened to the reality of a singular planet threatened by the preoccupation of residents to annihilate each other and destroy the habitat in the process.

We heralded Pacific Rising in the '80s, and most recently described our experience of the Pacific islands, previously characterized as the "American lake," as an admixture of western knowledge and eastern practices, of oriental manners and occidental practices, radically transforming erstwhile tranquil island states.

A Rainbow Connection emerged out of a necessity in human civility that accents the gift of multicultural diversity, appropriates the ways of nature, affirms the rediscovery of the native way of doing things, and the intentional promotion of the islands' self-sufficient, self-reliant, and self-confident spirit, the *Ohana* of the *Aloha* in Hawai'i that awakens pride in the ancient and new ways of Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia.

We noted in our recent hiatus in the Northern Marianas Islands the half-a-century journey of three simultaneous wholesale revolutions in economic, political, and cultural life dramatically occurring amongst a handful of diverse people, occurrences that took 500 years to accomplish elsewhere in the globe. Evident in private and public discourse, the resultant dislocation is total, the accompanying chaos massive, the widespread dysfunction deep, yet the rainbow of possibilities vast and endless.

The *aloha* of the planetary *ohana* is now resident in our human consciousness. Demonstrating the details in how it becomes the futuric and intentional mainstream operating system remains the singular challenge of the human spirit in our time. Doing so now in the triangulation of our Hawai'i, Marianas, and Liaoning axis is our personal and professional preoccupation.

Glad to be back to what a colleague described as "the esoteric meanderings of your soul." It is a good day, and it is my pleasure to be here!

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Obama is ducking a leader's duty

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A vast scholarly literature spanning more than six decades exists on the subject of leadership. The characteristics of effective leaders have been pored over, cataloged and debated. Among them, one trait stands out as axiomatic: Effective leaders take responsibility for problems around them; they do not shift blame to others. As Winston Churchill put it, "The price of greatness is responsibility."

Indeed, studies show that taking responsibility is one of the key traits people expect from a leader. In one 2006 study, two researchers at the University of Kent in England conducted a laboratory experiment in which human subjects in a group were given money and a choice: They could either keep it all or contribute some portion to a "group fund" that would be doubled and divided equally between all participants. Some people cooperated for the good of all, while others did not.

In a second phase of the experiment, the participants were asked who would be the best leader for the group. Eighty percent of the time, they chose the person who had contributed the most to the fund in the first phase. When people can choose the people who will lead them, they prefer people who proactively take responsibility for group welfare.

This brings us to the current debate over the shutdown of the federal government. The conventional narrative is that conservative policymakers are holding the nation hostage and hamstringing the helpless president.

Americans will likely see through this. A majority dislikes the current Republican strategy, but they know that ultimate culpability lies with leadership at the top. This sorry episode will reinforce the growing perception of the president as a leader who is more comfortable denouncing subordinates for disagreement than in taking responsibility.

Obama's image as a strong leader has dropped like a stone since 2009. A month after his first inauguration, a CBS News/New York Times poll found 85% of Americans said the president had "strong qualities of leadership."

By January 2010, just 66 percent in a Quinnipiac poll said the president had "strong leadership qualities." In the very same poll Tuesday, only 53 percent gave this response. A few weeks earlier, a Fox News poll about foreign policy found that only 42 percent of Americans say Obama is "a strong and decisive leader."

Some of this no doubt reflects the bitter partisanship of our times. But some of it is also logically due to a growing sense that the president is unwilling or unable to take responsibility in difficult circumstances and blames others instead. Indeed, half of Americans currently say he "spend(s) too much time blaming others," according to the Fox News poll cited above.

Is this assessment fair? Sample his public pronouncements and judge for yourself. Just this week, he washed his hands of the government shutdown by asserting that Republicans alone are "shutting down the government over an ideological crusade."

Or consider the recent Syria debacle. Initially, the president declared a "red line" if President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons in that nation's civil war. But when the Syrian leader was shown to have done so, Obama failed to act, and declared, "I didn't set a red line, the world set a red line. My credibility is not on the line." The president shouldn't have been surprised when 54 percent of Americans said they believed he was "ducking responsibility for his earlier statement."

There is plenty of time for the president to take responsibility and rectify his perceived leadership deficit. It is true that he does not have a rubber stamp; the House of Representatives is certainly opposed to many of his initiatives. But that makes leadership at the top all the more important. Great leaders negotiate and own the consequences.

The Republicans represent a mainstream position that many Americans support, not an extremist fringe that a decent leader would vilify. In the budget and debt-limit fights of the coming weeks, Obama can show a leader's courage to take ideas from the opposition—such as delaying implementation of the Affordable Care Act—and forge agreement with enough Republicans to produce a deal.

There is a lesson here for Republicans as well. Virtually every poll finds little public confidence in the GOP and even lower favorability toward Republicans in Congress than for Democrats. This is hardly a recipe for political resurgence. A strategy of fighting against things—instead of fighting for people—and simply blaming Obama for the current stalemate would lead the GOP into the same trap into which the president has fallen.

Ultimately, though, responsibility falls to the boss. So what is the likelihood Obama will step up at this crucial moment as a responsible chief executive? We probably got the answer from his senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer, who told CNN on Sept. 26 that "we're not for … negotiating with people with a bomb strapped to their chest." Sadly, he was talking about his Republican colleagues, not the actual terrorists who aim to kill us.

Efforts to end Obamacare are doomed; let's fix it instead

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Even some of its strongest supporters concede that President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act is an imperfect law, passed in an imperfect way.

"Anytime you implement something like this," longtime Obama confidante David Axelrod said last August on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program, "it's new and there's no doubt that it's complicated, there should be changes along the way."

But Republicans have chosen to mock the technical glitches accompanying its launching and make repeated doomed efforts to use the measures renewing government funding or extending the legal debt ceiling as vehicles to scuttle or delay it.

These GOP critics have been trying to do the wrong thing. Instead of using Obamacare as a political lever to satisfy their tea party base, they ought to be working with the administration to fix its shortcomings or trying to use their House majority to replace it.

After all, the goal of expanded health insurance is one most Americans share. Indeed, the 2010 Republican mantra implicitly acknowledged that by reiterating over and over that their goal was to "repeal and replace"it.

Indeed, if so complex a bill had been passed at a time before polarizing partisanship paralyzed the political system, the two parties would have joined in the appropriate congressional committees to draft "technical fixes" improving its operation.

But that requires the cooperation that nowadays seems impossible. The proof: the failed 2009 effort by Senate Finance Committee Democrats to craft a bipartisan health bill with their GOP counterparts, killed by GOP party pressure to stand firm against any bill.

Still, even before this week's rollout of access to Obamacare, there have been suggestions of ways to improve it. Many, however, came from either fervent supporters or bitter opponents, creating doubts they could attract the broad support needed to pass.

For example, the pro-Obama heads of three major unions urged revision of a provision encouraging small business employers to avoid providing health insurance by limiting their workers to fewer than 30 hours per week. They also objected to the fact that nonprofit insurance plans in union contracts won't get the same federal subsidies as for-profit plans.

Meanwhile, conservative publisher Steve Forbes urged GOP lawmakers to replace Obamacare with a measure allowing participants to choose their benefits, rather than accept mandated ones; preventing use of Medicare money to fund health insurance plans; and expanding tax deductions for insurance premiums.

Rather than trying to defund the law, which he called "even more unpopular than the bill itself," Forbes said Republicans "should take the president up on his taunt that the Republicans have no alternative."

Even former President Bill Clinton, who sought to spur Obamacare participation in a strongly pro-administration speech last month, took the occasion to call for bipartisan federal and state cooperation to fix some of its flaws.

Noting the provision requiring large employers to provide health insurance for their employees, he added that it doesn't cover family members who are required to have insurance but are ineligible for federal subsidies to buy it.

"It's not clear to me that anybody intended this," Clinton said. "Congress should fix it."

He also said tax credits to help small businesses afford health insurance for their workers are too small and limited to too few companies.

And he cited problems in states like Texas that took advantage of the Supreme Court ruling that they don't have to provide expanded Medicaid coverage, designed to benefit millions of low-income Americans.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri was right Tuesday when he said the heavily partisan way the bill was initially passed has made it harder to fix, and that this was everybody's fault.

Still, Congress ought to be debating proposals to improve Obamacare, rather than pursuing a path that, in the end, will neither defund it nor fix its shortcomings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A respectful reply for locals to consider

This is the last volley for my two critics, as my Chamorro wife told me enough and reminded me that I can't convince everyone, which is why I'm glad we have a majority-ruled society. But I would like to believe that most readers, especially locals, can appreciate my efforts to take on the tough issues that our leaders continue to avoid. One letter accuses me of being a self-ordained intellectual and scholar of many diverse disciplines. But the reality is Georgetown University in D.C., San Diego State University, and LeMoyne-Owen College ordained me a political scientist and economist. The U.S. Congress ordained me a constitutional scholar and the U.S. Department of Education ordained me a foreign research scholar, so the reality of my ordainment makes the assertion of *self-ordained* look silly, foolish, and even ridiculously funny. I only put my professional titles by name recently to reassure readers that I am qualified to speak of these issues. What are the qualifications of my critics, if any?

I am merely showing why Article 12 can't pass the litmus test of equality as written. There is nothing evil in promoting equality, which is just one of the most valued principles of America and second only to freedom in the realm of all human rights. Locals are fighting for *all* the principles of America, including equality, so are they evil too? To say I'm evil for promoting equality is ridiculous and the average reader knows it.

A second critic now wants to claim he values the heroism of the Chamorro and Carolinian fighting in the armed forces and that they are not involved in this debate. FYI, if you are promoting a law that discriminates by race, which violates the Constitution and the Civil Rights Act that the military is sworn to uphold, you are dishonoring the Chamolinians in the armed forces. I don't care how you try to twist it to save face. But it gets worse as he even goes on to say that *all* the principles of America *may not* apply in the CNMI! Forgive him, he must be confused. Does he know how many soldiers and civilians have died fighting to uphold all the principles of America? His statement of not honoring America's equality principle reminds me of Gov. George Wallace who told the President that he would defy the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which redefined equality in America. Well, the President sent federal troops to enforce equality!

Article 12 denies the civil rights of equality and free enterprise. I'm not against Article 12 but I am for fixing Article 12 so that it will stand the test of equality and time. I am trying to prevent future protest that are visible on the horizon as the conditions have already been set to kill Article 12, given the number of mainland citizens and children of alien workers who will be voters in the next 10 to 15 years. There will be thousands of voters who will *not* be local and history has already taught us too many times they will not sit still for inequality forever. With all due respect, the lesson to be learned from America and the Hawaiians is do *not* sell your land—but give every American all their civil rights. I'm not promoting selling land but I am pushing locals to be smarter landowners than the Hawaiians and to give all Americans their civil rights. If all men are created equal, then there are no exceptions, especially in the American family. One direction for equality.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲86° ▼75°	▲84° ▼76°	▲84° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼76°

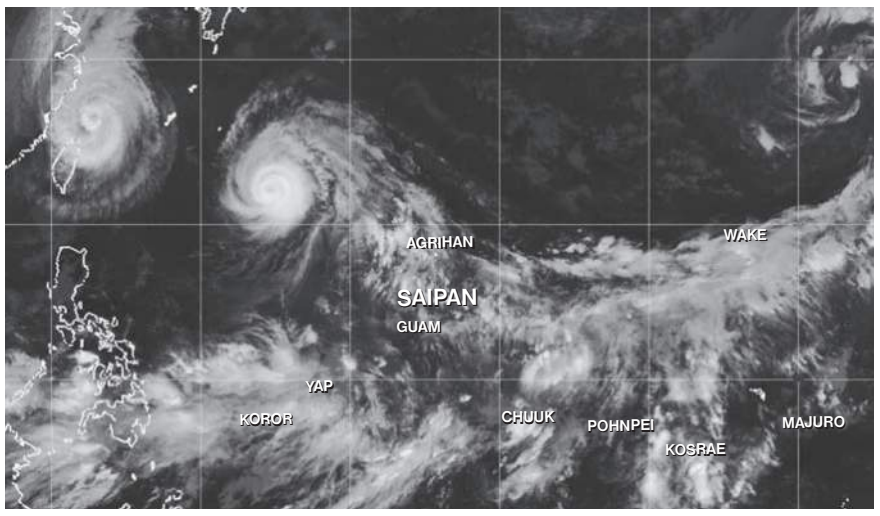
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲89	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼54
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼54
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Cloudy	▲64	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲91	▼60
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲64	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
New York	Cloudy	▲80	▼65
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼71
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼51
Pusan	Cloudy	▲80	▼71
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼58
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲80	▼57
Seoul	Showers	▲73	▼67
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼69
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼69

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Danas (23W) is centered 805 miles northwest of Saipan near 21N135E moving west-northwest at 20 mph with maximum sustained winds of 90 mph. Heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 125 miles of the center. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found east of Danas near Iwo To island within 60 miles of a line from 17N142E to 22N140E and also within 60 miles of a line from 21N145E to 25N141E. For more information on Typhoon Danas, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves eastward from near Taiwan through 20N130E and Typhoon Danas to south of Guam at 8N144E to beyond the date line at 21N. Converging west winds south of the trough are causing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Republic of Palau and Yap state within 135 miles of a line from 8N130E to 10N138E to 6N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen farther south within 115 miles of a line from EQ136E to 7N150E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the eastern portion of the trough just south of Wake Island between 12N and 19N from 153E to 170E and east of Wake Island within 160 miles of a line from 17N170E to 22N180. Converging surface winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Chuuk between 3N and 6N from 151E to 157E and also over Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 1N164E to 12N162E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:52 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
10:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
9:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:51 AM	7:43 PM
Tuesday	8:50 AM	8:36 PM
Wednesday	9:49 AM	9:32 PM
Thursday	10:48 AM	10:30 PM
Friday	11:46 AM	11:30 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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Over 200 people 'choose peace, not violence'

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

"Our culture teaches respect. Choose peace, not violence. It shouldn't hurt to go home."

These words resonated around Koblerville village last Saturday as over 200 men and women participated in the Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence.

The walk was part of the many events held Saturday as part of the 2nd annual Day of Unity-Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Awareness Month at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center.

"It's not only a time to mourn those who lost their lives to domestic violence but also a time to recognize and celebrate the progress that our efforts have made to prevent domestic and sexual violence," said Angel Nimwes, chairwoman of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. "Domestic violence is not just one person's problem. It impacts and affects everybody. So I am glad that many people are here, united, joining the fight."

The six-hour event drew many members of the community as well as several public officials. Participants were entertained by cultural and art performances.

"In this day of unity we want every culture to be celebrated," Nimwes said.

One participant described the Day of Unity as "something everyone in the CNMI needs to show support for."

"Even though I am not a victim of domestic violence, I do know many people on the island who are. And I put it unto myself to come out here today to join the fight," he added.

According to Nimwes, over 40 percent of crimes reported every week are related to domestic or sexual violence.

"That makes an average of 30 to 40 crimes a week," she said.

A unique tradition that the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence adopted last year had all male participants dressing in skirts or lava-lavas to support female victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Hundreds of men participated in the walk, among them Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"This problem of domestic and sexual violence might not go away, but at least we are bringing it out into the open so we can have a conversation and talk about our problems," Sablan said.

He said he is starting an effort to bring in more money to the CNMI for programs such as the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Associate Judge *Kenneth* L. *Govendo* also participated in the walk.

"I wish I could say that I am happy to report that domestic violence has ended in the Northern Marianas Islands but I can't. It is a continuing problem that is probably going to continue as long as human nature lasts," Govendo said. "There is a lot of people involved to protect those women [victims of domestic and sexual violence], and that is why we are marching today."

Govendo shared that he and Sablan have both participated in similar walks on the islands for the past several years.

After the walk a candlelight vigil was held to remember the victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Yesterday, Sunday, a Day of Prayer was held at over five churches on island to close the coalition's events for the weekend.

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Reps. Ed Villagomez, left, and Chris Deleon Guerrero, right, flank Angel Nimwes, chairwoman of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence during Saturday's Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence.

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Participants dressed in skirts or lava-lavas to support the Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence last Saturday. The event drew more than 200 participants.

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Public officials dressed in skirts to express their support for Saturday's Men's Walk Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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Over 200 participants join the Men's Walk Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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Attorney General Joey San Nicolas and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider pose for a photo at last Saturday's Day of Unity.

The nine lawyers take their oath as the newest members of the CNMI Bar Association. The are, from left, Heather Pinaula Barcinas, Charles Edmond Brasington, Daniel T. Guidotti, Ryan M. Johnson, James B. McAllister, Reena J. Patel, Peter B. Prestley, and Nicole Manglona Torres. Teresita Julia Sablan is partially hidden at right.

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9 attorneys admitted to the CNMI Bar

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Three women from the Marianas, together with six others who passed the NMI Bar, took their oath of attorney on Friday at the CNMI Supreme Court.

They are Nicole Manglona Torres, Heather Pinaula Barcinas, Teresita Julia Sablan, Charles Edmond Brasington, Daniel T. Guidotti, Ryan Marsil Johnson, James B. McAllister, Reena J. Patel, and Peter B. Prestley.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, who administered the oath, told the lawyers: "Earning your license to practice law deals with the rights, the freedom, liberty, and property of a person…The legal profession is like any other profession, there are bad apples. I do not want any of you applicants to fall into that bucket. "

U.S District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, who gave inspirational remarks at the event, underscored the value of dignity and civility in the practice of law.

"One fact never changes, the legal system must remain steadfast in its quest to preserve and respect the enduring traditions of law that form the foundation of our democratic system of government," Tydingco-Gatewood said. "Be dignified in the courtroom, be civil toward each other, toward the judge, toward the witnesses, toward your clients, toward the public, toward anybody you work with. Be civil as a person."

The attorneys passed a rigorous bar examination in either July or February 2013 and satisfied all of the Supreme Court's requirements for admission.

Among the newly admitted lawyers were three women from the Marianas: Torres, Barcinas, and Sablan.

Torres earned her B.A., at the University of San Francisco and her J.D. from the University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law.

A proud alumna of Saipan's Grace Christian Academy, Torres said she hopes young local high school students stay focused and pursue their dreams—as she did.

"When I received the news that I passed the bar exam, I couldn't help but think about my high school mock trial and AG's Cup days, dreaming of one day coming back home as an actual attorney. After high school graduation and prior to leaving Saipan for college, I promised myself that once I completed my education, I would return home to give back to our community and to give back to those who've given so much to me. Being sworn-in today means exponentially more," Torres said.

U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Judge Ramona V. Manglona, left, and U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, right, congratulate Nicole Manglona Torres after the attorney admissions ceremony on Friday.

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"As an attorney, I pledge to advocate zealously for those I serve and for justice, and to observe my duty as an officer of the court," she added.

Barcinas earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Guam and her J.D., from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

An alumna of Marianas High School on Saipan as well, she had this to say to children of the CNMI: "Never give up. Pursue your dreams. It took me a long time to go to law school and I never gave up even though there were so many obstacles along the way. Always just move forward and get to where you want to."

Barcinas said the most challenging aspect of her journey was taking the first step of applying and taking the entrance exam to enter law school.

"I am excited and happy to start this new chapter in my life," she added.

Sablan earned her bachelor's degree at the University of California, Davis and her J.D., from U.S. Hastings School of Law.

"If you really want to pursue a career in law it is important to try things out and do summer internships at the court or the AG's office and see how it actually feels like to work in law," Sablan said as advice for the young demographic on the island. "It is also important to explore all of your options."

"Getting to this moment is all about sacrifice. Sometimes you want to be with your family and friends but you have to put in the time for school and make school your priority," she added.

Sablan said she came to Saipan thinking it was temporary but later decided that she wants to stay here and practice law.

U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Judge Ramona V. Manglona, left, and U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, right, congratulate Teresita Julia Sablan, third from the left, after the attorney admissions ceremony on Friday.

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U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Judge Ramona V. Manglona, left, and U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, right, congratulate Heather Pinaula Barcinas after the attorney admissions ceremony on Friday.

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Bottom row: Attorneys Charles Edmond Brasington, Daniel T. Guidotti, Peter B. Prestley, Teresita Julia Sablan, Nicole Manglona Torres, Heather Pinaula Barcinas, Reena J. Patel, James B. McAllister, and Ryan M. Johnson. Top row: Judge David A. Wiseman, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, Justice John A. Manglona, Justice Perry B. Inos, Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, Judge Joseph N. Camacho, U.S. District Court for the CNMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, and Sean Frink, president of the CNMI Bar Association

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Business

Obama to public: Don't give up on health sign-ups

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defending the shaky rollout of his health care law, President Barack Obama said frustrated Americans "definitely shouldn't give up" on the problem-plagued program now at the heart of his dispute with Republicans over reopening the federal government.

Obama said public interest far exceeded the government's expectations, causing technology glitches that thwarted millions of Americans when trying to use government-run health care websites.

"Folks are working around the clock and have been systematically reducing the wait times," he said.

The federal gateway website was taken down for repairs over the weekend, again hindering people from signing up for insurance.

Obama, in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, also disclosed that U.S. intelligence agencies believe Iran continues to be a year or more away from having the capability to make a nuclear weapon. That assessment is at odds with Israel, which contends Tehran is on a faster course toward a bomb.

He expressed optimism about the blossoming diplomacy between his administration and Iran's new president, but said the U.S. would not accept a "bad deal" on the Islamic republic's nuclear program.

AP

In this photo taken Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, President Barack Obama poses for a photo prior to an exclusive interview with The Associated Press in the White House library in Washington four days into a partial shutdown of the government.

The president spoke to the AP on Friday, four days into a partial shutdown of the federal government that has forced 800,000 people off the job, closed national parks and curbed many government services.

Obama reiterated his opposition to negotiating with House Republicans to end the shutdown or raise the nation's debt ceiling.

"There are enough votes in the House of Representatives to make sure that the government reopens today," he said. "And I'm pretty willing to bet that there are enough votes in the House of Representatives right now to make sure that the United States doesn't end up being a deadbeat."

On other points, Obama:

- Contrasted his tenure as a senator with the current crop of first-term Republican senators, saying he "didn't go around courting the media" or "trying to shut down the government" while he was in the Senate.
- Said he's considering keeping some American forces in Afghanistan after the war formally ends in late 2014, if an agreement can be reached with the Afghan government. He tried to do the same in Iraq but was unable to reach an agreement with its government.

-Suggested that the owner of the Washington Redskins football team consider changing its name because, the president said, the current name offends "a sizable group of people."

With no sign of a breakthrough to end the government shutdown, Obama said he would be willing to negotiate with Republicans on health care, deficit reduction and spending—but only if House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, holds votes to reopen the government and increase the nation's borrowing limit.

Some House Republicans are seeking health care concessions from Obama in exchange for approving government financing and want more spending cuts before raising the debt ceiling.

The Treasury Department says the nation will hit its borrowing limit around Oct. 17. Obama didn't specifically rule out taking action on his own if Congress fails to increase the debt ceiling, but said he doesn't expect to get to that point.

Obama, who successfully ran for president as a first-term senator, also spoke critically about first-term Republican senators, such as Ted Cruz of Texas, who have been leading efforts to shut the government if Republicans can't extract concessions from the White House.

The president said that when he was in the Senate, he "didn't go around courting the media. And I certainly didn't go around trying to shut down the government."

"I recognize that in today's media age, being controversial, taking controversial positions, rallying the most extreme parts of your base, whether it's left or right, is a lot of times the fastest way to get attention and raise money," he said. "But it's not good for government."

The deadline for keeping the government open coincided with the Oct. 1 start of sign-ups for the insurance markets at the center of the health care overhaul Obama signed into law during his first term. Government websites struggled in the first week to keep up with high demand for the new marketplaces. It's not clear that more than a few managed to enroll the first day.

Obama said he didn't know how many people had enrolled. Administration officials have said they do not plan to release real-time data on the number of people enrolling, though some states running their own exchange websites are doing so.

The president predicted that when the six-month signup window for the insurance exchanges ends, "we are going to probably exceed what anybody expected in terms of the amount of interest that people had."

In the flurry of domestic issues consuming his second term, Obama has launched a diplomatic outreach to Iran, aimed at resolving the dispute over Tehran's nuclear program. Last week, he spoke by phone with President Hassan Rouhani, marking the first direct exchange between U.S. and Iranian leaders in more than 30 years.

Obama says he expects Congress will raise debt cap

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says he doesn't expect Congress to breach the deadline to increase the nation's borrowing limit.

He says he's willing to negotiate changes to his signature health care law and to find ways to reduce spending, but stresses he will not bargain until after Congress reopens the government and passed a new debt ceiling.

Obama says there's a majority of lawmakers in the House who would vote to end the partial government shutdown and raise the credit limit without conditions.

Obama spoke during an interview with The Associated Press.

The government is expected to hits its $16.7 trillion debt ceiling in mid-October.

Failure to raise that limit could lead to a first-ever default. Republicans want cuts in federal benefit programs and future deficits in exchange for their votes.

McDonald's to offer fruits, veggies in place of value meal fries

By TIFFANY HSU
LOS ANGELES TIMES

McDonald's last week said it would offer value menu customers a side of salad, fruit or vegetables as an alternative to French fries in a move that some analysts attributed to an attempt to boost static sales.

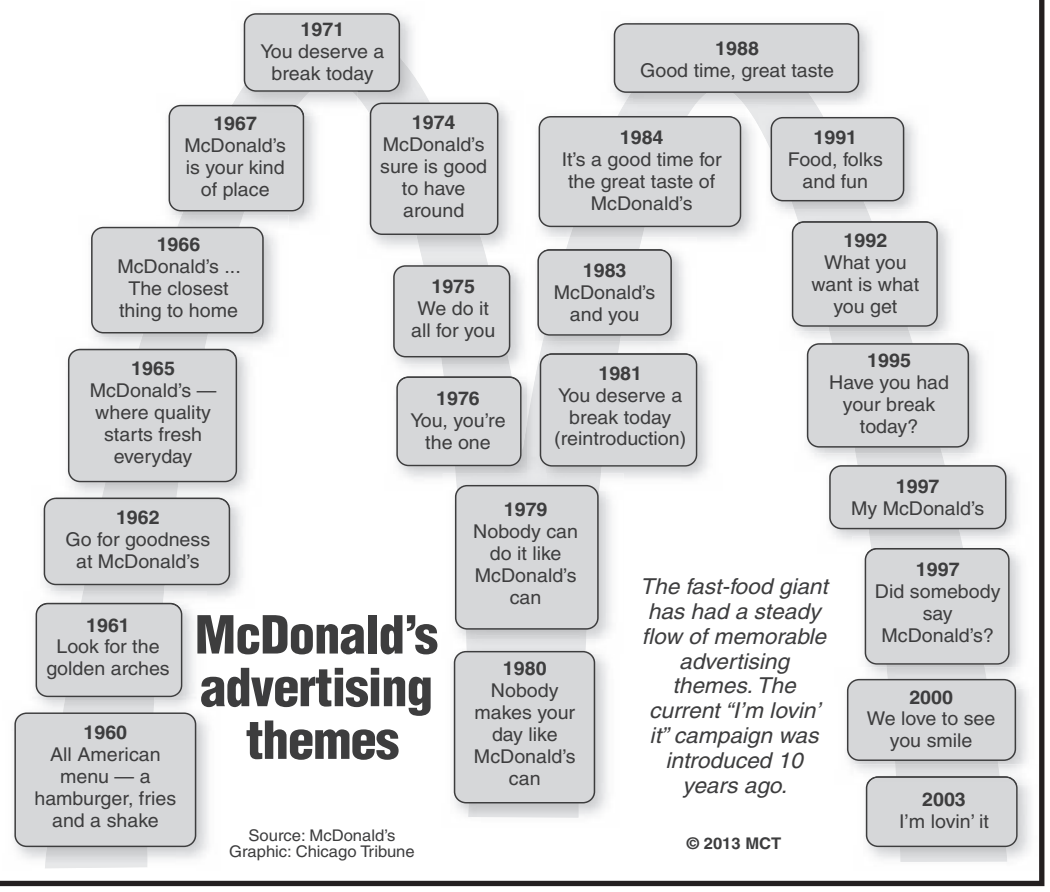
The arrangement will be set in motion in the fast food giant's 20 top markets, including the U.S. The company also said it would promote and market only water, milk and juice as the beverage for children's Happy Meals while also trying to heighten kids' interest in produce options.

Additionally, the chain said it would ensure that all of its advertising directed at children would include a message about nutrition or well-being, as will dedicated panels on Happy Meal boxes or bags.

McDonald's said it worked on the pledges with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, which was founded by the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association. The announcement was made Thursday by McDonald's Chief Executive Don Thompson, former President Bill Clinton and AHG Chief Executive Dr. Howell Wechsler.

McDonald's said it would bring in an independent, third-party assessor to track its progress on the commitment. The company expects to roll out the new plans in up to half of the 20 markets within three years, completing implementation by 2020.

Some analysts, such as Nick Setyan of Wedbush Securities, said McDonald's was trying to reverse ongoing weakness in sales by tapping into an increasingly healthful mind-set among its customers, particularly women and mothers.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1988 Good time, great taste
1967 McDonald's is your kind of place
1974 McDonald's sure is good to have around
1984 It's a good time for the great taste of McDonald's
1991 Food, folks and fun
1966 McDonald's ... The closest thing to home
1975 We do it all for you
1983 McDonald's and you
1992 What you want is what you get
1965 McDonald's — where quality starts fresh everyday
1976 You, you're the one
1981 You deserve a break today (reintroduction)
1995 Have you had your break today?
1962 Go for goodness at McDonald's
1979 Nobody can do it like McDonald's can
1997 My McDonald's
1961 Look for the golden arches
1980 Nobody makes your day like McDonald's can
1997 Did somebody say McDonald's?
1960 All American menu — a hamburger, fries and a shake
2000 We love to see you smile
2003 I'm lovin' it
McDonald's advertising themes
The fast-food giant has had a steady flow of memorable advertising themes. The current "I'm lovin' it" campaign was introduced 10 years ago.
Source: McDonald's
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US pushes Pacific trade agenda despite shutdown

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—Talks on a Pacific trade pact are forging ahead with hopes of meeting a year-end deadline still intact, officials said Saturday, despite President Barack Obama's absence due to the government shutdown.

Obama had intended to thrash out issues with leaders of the 11 other trans-Pacific Partnership member countries on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific regional summit in Bali on Monday and Tuesday.

Instead he ended up shelving the trip to focus on resolving the standoff over funding the U.S. government. Still, U.S. and other senior officials sought to downplay the potential loss of momentum in the trade talks known as TPP.

"I do want to make clear none of what is happening in Washington diminishes by one iota our commitment to our partners in Asia, including our efforts to promote trade and investment throughout the region," Secretary of State John Kerry, who is standing in for Obama, said Saturday.

Both Kerry and U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said that ministers were determined to put together a framework for the U.S.-led pact, a trading bloc that Obama considers a vital part of the "rebalancing" of U.S. strategy toward Asia.

"The TPP countries are strongly committed to working to conclude negotiations this year," Froman said.

Senior economic ministers of the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum finished talks on Saturday by urging the 21 member economies to work toward a longer-term goal of achieving a free trade area encompassing the entire region.

A draft declaration by the APEC leaders, obtained by The Associated Press, hewed to the usual formulations of such communiques in urging "renewed urgency" on negotiations for global trade rules.

With the Doha round of World Trade Organization talks stalled for years, countries have instead been opting for country to country deals and other arrangements narrower than the WTO's global mandate.

Nation

DOD recall, back-pay bill mark Day 5 of shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP)—For days lawmakers have debated which federal workers should be put back to work. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ended the argument Saturday for most Pentagon civilian employees, ordering nearly all 350,000 back on the job.

That's a large chunk of the estimated 800,000 federal workers on furlough because of the partial government shutdown. All those in the government off the job or working without paychecks would benefit from a bill the House approved Saturday without dissent that orders them to be paid once the shutdown ends.

The back-pay bill and Hagel's decision, based on a bill supported by Republicans and Democrats and signed into law by President Barack Obama, would appear to take a big bite out of the impact of the political impasse that has left the government without a budget. With an unprecedented default on the federal debt in less than two weeks, key members of both parties concede that no one has presented a plausible plan for avoiding it.

Hagel said he based his decision on a Pentagon interpretation of a law called the Pay Our Military Act, which was passed shortly before the partial government shutdown began last Tuesday. Republican lawmakers had complained in recent days that the Obama administration was slow to bring back those workers even though the law allowed it.

AP

Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, arrives at the Capitol in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013.

In a written statement explaining his action, Hagel said the Justice Department advised that the law does not permit a blanket recall of all Pentagon civilians. But government attorneys concluded that the law does allow the Pentagon to eliminate furloughs for "employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members."

Hagel said he has told Pentagon officials, including leaders of the military services, to "identify all employees whose activities fall under these categories." He said civilian workers should stand by for further word this weekend.

In remarks to reporters, Robert Hale, the Pentagon's budget chief, said he did not yet know the exact number of civilians who would be brought back to work but that it would be "90 percent plus." He said there are about 350,000 civilians on furlough, somewhat fewer than the 400,000 that officials had previously indicated. If 90 percent were recalled that would mean 315,000 coming off furlough.

Hale said that even with this relief, the effect of the furloughs has been severe.

"We've seriously harmed civilian morale; this (recall) will be a start back," he said.

Hale said he hoped that a "substantial number" could be returned to work on Monday but that an exact timetable was not available.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans and Democrats continued to bicker and to ponder the chasm between their warring parties, each of which seems convinced it's on the winning side morally and politically.

Use of force to be studied in DC police chase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Police in Washington are reviewing the use of officers' deadly force in the killing of a woman who tried to ram her car through a White House barrier, a shooting her family says was unjustified.

The investigation will reconstruct the car chase and shooting, which briefly put the U.S. Capitol on lockdown, and explore how officers dealt with the driver and whether protocols were followed.

Senate Sergeant at Arms Terrance Gainer said he was confident the officers "did the best they could under the situation." Police guarding national landmarks must make fast decisions without the luxury of all the facts, especially when a threat is perceived, he said.

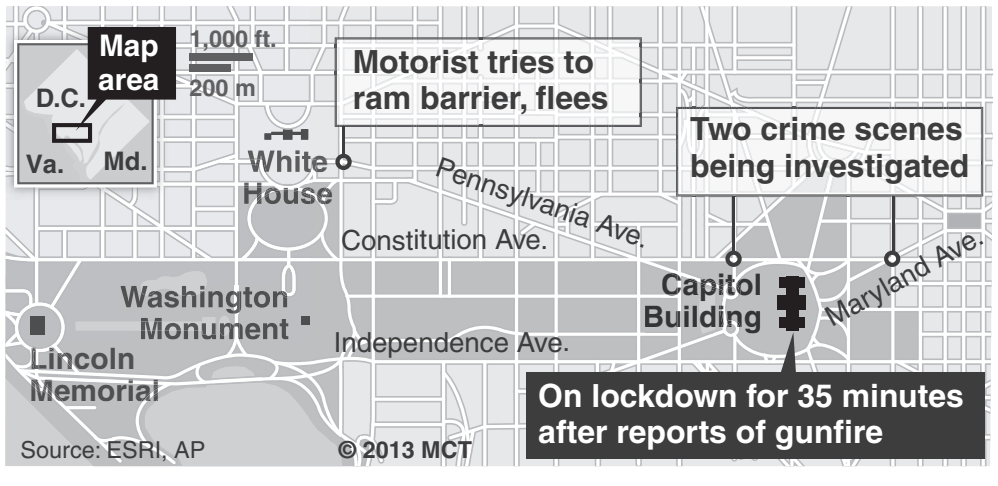
"This is not a routine highway or city traffic stop. It is simply not that," Gainer said Saturday. "The milieu under which we're operating at the United States Capitol and I suspect at the White House and at icons up in New York is an anti-terrorism approach, and that is a difference with a huge, huge distinction."

Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine maintained that his officers acted "heroically" to protect the community.

Still, the family of 34-year-old Miriam Carey called the shooting unjustified, and some deadly force experts agree it merits scrutiny.

"We're still very confused as a family why she's not still alive," Amy Carey-Jones said in New York late Friday after traveling to Washington to identify Miriam Carey's body. "I really feel like it's not justified, not justified." Another sister, retired New York City police officer Valarie Carey, said there was "no need for a gun to be used when there was no gunfire coming from the vehicle."

Secret Service agents and Capitol Police officers fired shots during the Thursday afternoon encounter, which began when Carey—in a black Infiniti with her 1-year-old daughter—rammed a White House barricade and was pursued by police toward the Capitol during a high-speed chase.



Police: Man who set himself ablaze on Mall dies

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man who set himself on fire on the National Mall in the U.S. capital has died of his injuries, which were so severe that authorities will have to use DNA and dental records to identify him, District of Columbia police said Saturday.

The man died Friday night at a Washington hospital where he had been airlifted, Officer Araz Alali, a police spokesman, said.

The man poured the contents of a red canister of gasoline on himself in the center portion of the mall Friday afternoon. He then set himself on fire, with passing joggers taking off their shirts to help put out the flames. Police had said he was conscious and breathing at the scene, but he was airlifted to MedStar Washington Hospital Center with life-threatening injuries.

Police are investigating the man's possible motives. Lt. Pamela Smith of the U.S. Park Police said Friday she was not aware that he had carried any signs with him or had articulated a cause.

One witness, Katy Scheflen, said she did not hear the man say anything intelligible before he set himself on fire. But she said she did notice that another man with a tripod was standing nearby and had disappeared by the time the police had arrived. It was not immediately clear whether a recording exists.

"He appeared to be waiting for something to happen. After it happened, he was gone," Scheflen, a Justice Department lawyer, said Saturday of the man with the tripod.

"I can't say what the connection was between them or whether there was a connection," she added.

The fire occurred in a city with jangled nerves following a Sept. 16 mass shooting at the Washington Navy Yard that left 13 dead, including the gunman, and a high-speed car chase outside the U.S. Capitol on Thursday. The chase ended with a woman being shot dead by police with a young child in the car.

WWII vet, oldest Medal of Honor recipient, dies

CRESSKILL, N.J. (AP)—A World War II veteran and the nation's oldest living Medal of Honor recipient has died in New Jersey.

Nicholas Oresko, an Army master sergeant who was badly wounded as he single-handedly took out two enemy bunkers during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945, died Friday night at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, hospital officials announced Saturday. He was 96.

Oresko had been hospitalized after injuring himself in a fall at an assisted living center in Cresskill. He died of complications from surgery for a broken right femur.

A November 2011 article on the Department of Defense website described Oresko as the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient. The medal is the nation's highest military honor, awarded by Congress for risk of life in combat beyond the call of duty.

A Bayonne native, Oresko received the Medal of Honor from President Harry Truman on Oct. 30, 1945.

At 28, Oresko was the platoon leader when automatic fire pinned down his unit. Realizing a machine gun in a nearby bunker needed to be eliminated, Oresko moved out alone in the morning darkness, braving bullets that zipped about him, until he was close enough to throw a grenade into the German bunker. He rushed the bunker and used his M-1 rifle to kill the soldiers who survived the grenade blast.

Then another machine gun fired, knocking Oresko down and wounding him in the right hip and leg. He managed to crawl to another bunker and take it out with another grenade. Despite being weak from loss of blood, Oresko refused to be evacuated until he was assured that the mission was accomplished.

His actions on Jan. 23, 1945, were credited with preventing numerous American casualties and were praised as key to the Allies' victory.

Asia

Legendary Vietnam general Vo Nguyen Giap dies at 102

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the brilliant and ruthless commander who led the outgunned Vietnamese to victory first over the French and then the Americans, died Friday. The last of the country's old-guard revolutionaries was 102.

A national hero, Giap enjoyed a legacy second only to that of his mentor, founding president and independence leader Ho Chi Minh.

Giap died in a military hospital in the capital of Hanoi, where he had spent nearly four years because of illnesses, according to a government official and a person close to him. Both spoke on condition of anonymity before the death was announced in state-controlled media.

Known as the "Red Napoleon," Giap commanded guerrillas who wore sandals made of car tires and lugged artillery piece by piece over mountains to encircle and crush the French army at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. The unlikely victory—still studied at military schools—led to Vietnam's independence and hastened the collapse of colonialism across Indochina and beyond.

Giap then defeated the U.S.-backed South Vietnam government in April 1975, reuniting a country that had been split into communist and noncommunist states. He regularly accepted heavy combat losses to achieve his goals.

"No other wars for national liberation were as fierce or caused as many losses as this war," Giap told The Associated Press in 2005—one of his last known interviews with foreign media on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, the former South Vietnamese capital.

"But we still fought because for Vietnam, nothing is more precious than independence and freedom," he said, repeating a famous quote by Ho Chi Minh.

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Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap at his home in Hanoi, Vietnam in this picture made Aug. 25 2008, his 97th birthday.

ASIAN BRIEFS

4 US soldiers killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S.-led international military coalition says four of its service members have been killed in southern Afghanistan and a military official confirms all were Americans killed by an improvised explosive device. NATO said in a statement that the four were killed Sunday during a partnered operation in the south, but did not provide any further details or their nationalities. A military official confirmed the four were from the United States and were killed by an IED. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly. No other details were available.

Myanmar says suspects arrested after Thandwe riots

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—State-run media say 44 suspects have been arrested for their alleged role in sectarian violence that wracked a town in western Myanmar this past week. Five Muslims were killed and more than 100 homes set on fire when Buddhist mobs went on a rampage in Thandwe, a coastal town in Rakhine state, hours before a visit by the country's president. Few details were released about the arrests, but state media reports said members of both the Buddhist and Muslim communities were arrested.

Philippine guerrilla leader charged with rebellion

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police on Thursday filed a complaint of rebellion and violation of international humanitarian law against Muslim guerrilla leader Nur Misuari in connection with a deadly three-week standoff between government troops and insurgents who held scores of people hostage. More than 200 people were killed and nearly 10,000 houses were burned in the fighting that followed the rebel attempt to storm Zamboanga city hall in the southern Philippines on Sept. 9. Regional state prosecutor Peter Medalle said authorities filed the complaint against Misuari and some 80 of his followers. So far, more than 200 rebels have been charged.

Indian army says 7 rebels killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—The Indian army said Saturday that it killed seven suspected rebels in two separate gunbattles near the heavily militarized line dividing the disputed Kashmir region between India and Pakistan. Four militants were killed Saturday after they crossed over from Pakistani-held territory into the Indian portion of Kashmir in Kupwara region, an army officer said. Three rebels were killed Friday in another clash near the de facto border, said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with military policy. He said the Indian army recovered the bodies of six of the rebels who were killed and some weapons.

World

US forces hit extremists behind E. Africa attacks

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—In a stealthy seaside assault in Somalia and in a raid in Libya's capital, U.S. special forces on Saturday struck out against Islamic extremists who have carried out terrorist attacks in East Africa, snatching a Libyan al-Qaida leader allegedly involved in the bombings of U.S. embassies 15 years ago but aborting a mission to capture a terrorist suspect linked to last month's Nairobi shopping mall attack after a fierce firefight.

A U.S. Navy SEAL team swam ashore near a town in southern Somalia before militants of the al-Qaida-linked terrorist group al-Shabab rose for dawn prayers, U.S. and Somali officials told The Associated Press. The raid on a house in the town of Barawe targeted a specific al-Qaida suspect related to the mall attack, but the operation did not get its target, one current and one former U.S. military official told AP.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the raid publicly.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman George Little confirmed that U.S. military personnel had been involved in a counterterrorism operation against a known al-Shabab terrorist in Somalia, but did not provide details.

U.S. officials said there were no U.S. casualties in either the Somali or Libyan operation.

The Somali raid was carried out by members of SEAL Team Six, the same unit that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in his Pakistan hideout in 2011, another senior U.S. military official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.

But this time, SEAL Team Six members encountered fiercer resistance than expected so after a 15-20 minute firefight, the unit leader decided to abort the mission and they swam away, the official said. SEAL Team Six has responsibility for counterterrorism activities in the Horn of Africa.

Within hours of the Somalia attack, the U.S. Army's Delta Force carried out a raid in Libya's capital, Tripoli, to seize a Libyan al-Qaida leader wanted for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed more than 220 people, the military official said. Delta Force carries out counterterrorism operations in North Africa.

The Pentagon identified the captured al-Qaida leader as Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, known by his alias Anas al-Libi, who has been on the FBI's most wanted terrorists list since it was introduced shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

String of attacks in Iraq kills at least 66

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide bomber blew himself up among a crowd of Shiite pilgrims passing through a mainly Sunni neighborhood in Baghdad and another detonated his explosives inside a cafe north of the capital, the deadliest of several attacks across Iraq on Saturday that killed at least 66 people.

The killings, which also included attacks on journalists and anti-extremist Sunni fighters, are part of the deadliest surge in violence to hit Iraq in five years. The accelerating bloodshed is raising fears that the country is falling back into the spiral of violence that brought it to the edge of civil war in the years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The extent of the carnage from the evening attack on the pilgrims became clearer as midnight approached, when officials sharply revised the death toll upward to at least 42. Another 80 were reported injured.

The bomber detonated his explosives at a checkpoint in the northern neighborhood of Azamiyah as the pilgrims en route to a prominent Shiite shrine in the nearby neighborhood of Kazimiyah, according to police officials. At least four policemen manning the checkpoint were among the dead, the officials said.

Azamiyah and the Shiite district of Kazimiyah sit on opposite sides of the Tigris River that snakes through the Iraqi capital. Their proximity made them a key flashpoint for the widespread sectarian conflict that gripped Iraq after Saddam Hussein's ouster and peaked in 2006 and 2007.

Authorities closed the bridge between the neighborhoods after hundreds of Shiite pilgrims died in a 2005 stampede sparked by fears of a suicide bomber, and reopened it in 2008.

Around the same time, another suicide bomber blew himself up in a cafe in the town of Balad, a largely Shiite town surrounded by Sunni communities about 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Baghdad. Balad Mayor Malik Lefta said at least 13 people were killed and 22 were wounded in that attack.

Migrant coffins lined up in Italian airport hangar

LAMPEDUSA, Italy (AP)—The coffins of African migrants killed in a shipwreck off the Italian island of Lampedusa were lined up in long rows inside an airport hangar where survivors of the tragedy paid their respects Saturday. All of the caskets had a single rose on top except for the four of the youngest victims, which had stuffed animals.

The 111 coffins were numbered—a teddy bear wearing a smile and a blue shirt with a heart was placed above casket No. 92.

The ceremony took place hours after Italian fishermen threw a bouquet of yellow flowers near the exact spot where the migrant boat sank, honking their foghorns in tribute to the dead and up to 250 migrants who may still be missing.

The search to recover more bodies, meanwhile, was called off for a second day because of choppy waters and strong currents.

A parliamentary delegation visited the survivors amid reports that a boat may have violated the ''law of the sea'' by failing to help the migrant ship packed with 500 migrants, nearly all from Eritrea, about 600 meters (650 yards) from shore.

"To come to rescue is a duty. Not to come to rescue is a crime," Laura Boldrini, the Italian house speaker who previously and for many years was the U.N. Refugee Agency spokeswoman in Italy, told reporters in Lampedusa after visiting the survivors.

The 20-meter (65-foot) migrant boat sank Thursday after a fire was set onboard to attract attention of any passing boats or people on shore when they ran into trouble. They had traveled for two full days and thought they had reached safety when they saw the lights of Lampedusa.

Instead, at least 111 drowned and 155 survived, some of whom were in the water for three hours, clinging to anything buoyant—even empty water bottles.

Focus

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In this Nov. 25, 1963 file photo, an Irish cadet honor guard, center rows with arms outstretched, stand in formation as the U.S. flag is lifted from the coffin of President John F. Kennedy during his funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Cadets who moved JFK in Ireland offer

FINAL SALUTE

By HELEN O'NEILL
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For hours the young cadets waited, standing at attention by the freshly dug grave—a striking tableau in their crisp green tunics and brown breeches, rifles by their sides.

Fifty years later, they still remember how those hours felt like an eternity, the muffled beat of the distant drums growing steadily louder as the funeral procession crossed the Potomac River and entered Arlington National Cemetery.

They were closer to the grave than anyone, this specially chosen honor guard about to deliver the performance of their lives.

Opposite, a phalanx of press photographers from around the world jostled for position, training cameras on the 27 soldiers as reporters asked, "Who are those guys?"

The answer astounded them.

The cadets were from Ireland, fresh-faced 18- and 19-year-olds who, just a day earlier, had been whisked from their barracks on a remote, windswept plain in County Kildare to travel, along with Irish President Eamon de Valera, to Washington for the funeral.

With names like McMahon, Coughlan, Sreenan and O'Donnell, they hailed from towns and villages all over Ireland. Most had never been abroad, never been on a plane. Yet there they stood, a foreign army on American soil about to give a final, silent salute to a U.S. president with an Irish name: John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Even today, they marvel at the fact that, in her darkest hour, Jacqueline Kennedy made a special request of the U.S. State Department: that the Irish cadets who had so mesmerized her late husband with a memorial drill for the dead during his visit to Dublin just months earlier, perform that same drill by his grave.

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"This is not the land of my birth but it is the land for which I hold the greatest affection," Kennedy told the cheering throngs at the end of his historic four-day visit to Ireland in June of 1963.

His trusted adviser, the late Ted Sorensen, said, "The joy never left him."

Joy consumed Ireland, too, as it welcomed home its anointed son. Kennedy's great-grandfather had emigrated from County Wexford in 1849, and the Irish took an intensely personal pride in their connection to America's first Irish Catholic president.

From the stately chambers of Dail Eireann, the parliament in Dublin, to his ancestral home on a farm in Dunganstown, where he drank tea with relatives and broke away from his bodyguards to join a children's choir in a rousing rendition of "The Boys of Wexford," Kennedy received a rapturous welcome.

"Occasionally in the history of a country, a thing happens that means more than can be put quite into words," wrote Patrick O'Donovan in The Observer, a London newspaper. "The visit of President John Kennedy to Ireland was one of those things."

Kennedy himself wrote, in a thank-you letter to de Valera, that the trip had been one of the most moving experiences of his life. And a highlight, he said, was a wreath-laying ceremony by the graves of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin.

As part of the ceremony, 26 army cadets, led by an officer, performed a special, silent drill in remembrance of the dead. The slow-moving solemnity and precision of their movements captivated Kennedy. The drill concluded with the cadets bowing their heads over their rifles, a gesture of quiet contemplation for the departed warriors.

"That is the finest honor guard I have ever seen," Kennedy told the officer in charge, Lt. Frank Colclough.

Back in Washington, Kennedy requested a film of their drill: There was some suggestion that he wanted to introduce elements of it to honor guards at Arlington.

By then the soldiers who had performed the drill had graduated, and so it fell upon the next class to make the film. For weeks, the cadets trained daily, practicing the 10-minute, intricately choreographed moves. Though it was an honor, some considered it a thankless task—all this practicing merely for a film.

It was also, in the eyes of at least one drill sergeant, an ominous one. The drill should only be performed for a memorial service or a burial, Sgt. "An Rua" (The Red) O'Sullivan warned the cadets.

It was bad luck, he said, to perform it for any other reason.

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The Curragh is a flat, grassy plain in the Irish midlands, famous for its racecourse, its vast flocks of sheep and its military college. It is where Irish soldiers are trained to this day.

But the sprawling red-brick barracks was an isolated place for young men in the 1960s, where all orders were in Irish and the daily regimen of study, training and endless inspections was broken only by a weekly one-day leave.

Most cadets were on such a leave the night in 1963 that the late Col. Cyril Mattimoe, then commander of the barracks, received a startling phone call. It was 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, the day after Kennedy's assassination. On the line was Lt. Gen. Sean MacEoin, Ireland's military chief of staff.

"You are providing a guard of honor at the funeral of President Kennedy," he told Mattimoe. "You have a busy night ahead."

In personal reflections written years later, Mattimoe described the chaotic hours that followed as messengers were dispatched to local cinemas and restaurants and frantic phone-calls were placed to dance halls 60 miles away in Dublin.

Cadet Jim Sreenan remembers the lights snapping on during the movie "Genghis Khan" and someone bellowing, "All cadets report back to base." Martin Coughlan recalls "all hell breaking out" as he was summoned back to the barracks from a dinner with friends.

After being briefed on their mission, the cadets had little time to contemplate its enormity. They spent the night in a whirlwind of preparations—degreasing their ceremonial Lee Enfield rifles, which had been packed away in storage, ironing their uniforms and practicing the drill until 2 a.m.

The next day, they boarded an Aer Lingus Boeing 707 with de Valera and other dignitaries, their rifles tucked under their seats. Each carried a few pound notes offered by a thoughtful local shopkeeper, who emptied his till on their behalf.

In Washington, the cadets were greeted by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and bused to the Fort Myer military base where, jet-lagged and overawed, they once again practiced.

"We were nervous and exhausted, and the drill was terrible," recalled Peter McMahon.

But the curious American G.I.s leaning out of the windows around the drill square thought otherwise.

"We of the Old Guard marveled at their deportment and precision drilling," Martin Dockery, one U.S. soldier, wrote in a piece for an Irish magazine in 2007.

Nor were there any ill feelings toward the special position offered the Irish.

"No one was offended," said Dockery, now retired and living in Rye, N.Y. "The drill was so unusual and so moving, we completely understood why Mrs. Kennedy had remembered them."

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"All was uncannily still," Mattimoe wrote of the cadets' long, silent wait by the open grave. "Nature itself seemed sunk in grief."

Eventually, the cortege arrived and the Kennedy family walked to the grave. Heads of state moved in behind the cadets. Cardinal Richard Cushing began the prayers. A deafening flyover followed: Air

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In this November 1963 photo provided by the Irish Defence Forces Bureau of Military History, members of the Irish cadet honor guard sit together in a bus after returning to Ireland from Washington.

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Health & Fitness

Doctors ignore advice on sore throats, bronchitis

CHICAGO (AP)—Repeated warnings that antibiotics don't work for most sore throats and bronchitis have failed to stop overuse: Doctors prescribed these drugs for most adults seeking treatment at a rate that remained high over more than a decade, researchers found.

The results are in two analyses of national health surveys from the late 1990s to 2010, representing more than 2 million annual visits to doctors' offices or emergency rooms.

Antibiotics can have bad side effects, including stomach pain and severe diarrhea, and inappropriate prescriptions put patients at needless risk. The practice also can cause drug-resistant germs.

The findings show reducing inappropriate prescribing "is frustratingly, disappointingly slow," said Dr. Jeffrey Linder, a physician-researcher at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He did the research with Brigham colleague Dr. Michael Barnett.

Dr. Reid Blackwelder, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians, said part of the problem is old prescribing habits that didn't change when evidence emerged showing most sore throats and bronchitis are caused by viruses; antibiotics only treat infections caused by bacteria, not colds, flu and other illness from viruses. Illnesses antibiotics can treat include bacterial pneumonia, most urinary infections, some types of eye and ear infections, and some types of food poisoning.

Patients' demands and doctors' time pressures also play a role: It's often easier to prescribe an antibiotic than to take time to explain why they don't work for some illnesses, Blackwelder said.

"We've all done it," he said.

Dr. Ed Septimus, a professor at Texas A&M Health Science Center in Houston, said development of more rapid testing to identify germs that cause sore throats or bronchitis could help curb the practice.

The research was being presented Thursday at an infectious diseases meeting in San Francisco.

One analysis found that antibiotics were prescribed at 60 percent of primary-care and emergency room visits for sore throats in 2010, a rate that didn't budge over 10 years but was down from about 70 percent in the 1990s. That study was also published online Thursday in JAMA Internal Medicine.

In an editorial, Dr. Rita Redberg, the journal's editor, noted that only about 10 percent of sore throats are caused by strep bacteria—which antibiotics can treat.

The second analysis found antibiotics were prescribed at 73 percent of all visits for bronchitis in 2010, a rate that didn't change from 1996. Only rare cases of bronchitis are caused by bacteria.

Bronchitis "just needs to take its time to run its course, which can be frustratingly long," sometimes three weeks or more, Linder said.

Some over-the-counter cough medicines can help bronchitis; gargling with salt water can help sore throats, and rest and fluids can help both, he said.

Study: Most twins can be born without a C-section

Expecting twins? You probably don't need to schedule a cesarean section. Most moms can safely give birth without surgery, a big study finds.

It's the latest research to question the need for C-sections, which are done in one-third of all births in the United States and three-fourths of those involving twins. Studies increasingly are challenging long-held beliefs about cesareans, such as that women who had one need to deliver future babies the same way.

Now doctors are looking hard at C-sections for twin births, which are on the rise because of infertility treatments. Twins have more risk for birth complications and some studies suggest C-sections lower that risk, but this had not been put to a rigorous test.

Dr. Jon Barrett of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center in Toronto, led a study in 25 countries of 2,800 women pregnant with twins. All of the first of the twins to be delivered were in good position for birth (most doctors still recommend a C-section if the first twin is in feet-first or breech position).

Half of the moms were scheduled to have C-sections and the rest, vaginal births. About 40 percent of the latter group wound up having C-sections, and 10 percent of those scheduled to have cesareans ended up giving birth vaginally.

About 2 percent of newborns died or had a serious problem, but the manner of birth made no difference. Nor did it affect the rate of complications in moms.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research paid for the study. Results are in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"These results do not indicate that all sets of twins should be delivered vaginally," but that planning to do so is a reasonable choice if the doctor is experienced in twin births and knows when a C-section becomes necessary, Dr. Michael Greene of Massachusetts General Hospital wrote in a commentary in the journal. ***(AP)***

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Parents hold their twin newborn babies at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn. on Sunday Jan. 1, 2012.

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Force and Navy jet fighters, and Air Force One.

And then, Colclough gave the order in Irish—"Ar Airm Aisiompaithe Lui" ("On Reversed Arms Rest")—and the cadets commenced their drill. Years later, they remember it as a near spiritual experience.

"It was all very haunting, but enveloping at the same time," said Michael McGrath. "It was like the drill just became part of you, and we all became one."

And though it passed in a blur, they knew they had executed it flawlessly.

Afterward, when they had marched away, the cadets found themselves surrounded by senators and congressmen, eager to thank them for their comportment and composure. Back at Fort Myer, their American peers took them out on the town, where everyone recognized Kennedy's Irish honor guard and strangers treated them to meals and drinks.

A hero's welcome followed in Ireland, with de Valera congratulating them individually.

Letters of praise poured into The Curragh from top American military officials. But the most moving expressions came from ordinary Americans.

"Your honor guard made me feel proud to tears," wrote Frank Gulland, who described himself as "just a salesman of building materials, from a small city in Ohio."

Wrote 11-year-old Jeff Hemus of San Diego: "I thought the Irish soldiers were real, real good."

Soon after returning from Washington, the cadets received a gift from their counterparts at Fort Myer—a large, framed photograph of their honor guard standing at attention at Kennedy's grave. The picture still hangs in the cadet mess at The Curragh.

On a visit to the barracks this summer, Coughlan and Sreenan reminisced as they gazed at the faded photograph, picking out their younger selves, pausing to remember colleagues who have passed. They pondered the irony of it—that in training for a film of the drill, specially requested by Kennedy himself, they had in fact been rehearsing for his funeral.

Over the decades, the cadets who became known as "Kennedy's Class" have remained close, hosting annual reunions and trips back to The Curragh.

They are planning a 50th anniversary visit to Arlington later this year. There, they hope to lay a wreath at Kennedy's grave. They will pause in a moment of reflection. And they will cast their minds back to that crisp November day, when, with the eyes of the world upon them, they performed the finest drill of their lives.

Personal Trainer
Taking a fall safely
Athletes are taught how to protect themselves from injury when they fall, and different sports have developed different tricks.
Martial arts
In a backward fall, tuck your chin to prevent a head injury
In a forward fall, slide on palms and forearms with elbows bent to prevent a broken arm
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Football
Relax and avoid stiffening your joints in an attempt to break the fall abruptly
Roll as you land to translate the downward force into rolling motion
Inline skating
Turn to avoid landing on your back, tailbone, or hip bones, where bones lie close to the skin's surface
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Life & Style

Oscar nominee 'Metro Manila' wins over Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Britain's nominee as Best Foreign Language Film for the Oscars features an all-Filipino cast and a story that traces the sacrifices and hopes of an impoverished family from the countryside that tries its luck in the dark and squalid ghettos of the Philippine capital.

"Metro Manila," written and directed by Briton Sean Ellis, is one of three foreign language films nominated in the best foreign language category for next year's Oscars that delves into the lives of Filipinos.

The Philippines' nominee, "Transit," focuses on the struggles of migrant Filipino workers in Israel, while Singapore's entry, "Ilo Ilo," is about a Filipino nanny who works for a Singaporean family.

The U.S. film academy will select the finalists in January ahead of the Oscar ceremony on March 2.

"I thought it was a very beautiful and poetic story about family and about sacrifice and about hope," Ellis said of his movie, which won an audience award at the recent Sundance Film Festival. The movie premiered in Manila this week and opens in Philippine cinemas on Wednesday.

It tells of the journey of farmer and former soldier Oscar Ramirez, played by veteran stage actor Jake Macapagal, and his young family to seek a better life, from the rice terraces in the rural north of the country to the chaos of Manila.

In the city, they fall prey to various characters and are forced out of desperation to make difficult choices. Oscar's wife, Mai, played by film actress Althea Vega, is forced to become a bar girl to feed her two young children.

Oscar manages to land a job as a driver for an armored truck company and is befriended by Ong, his senior officer. Ong—played by John Arcilla—is helpful and jolly, but it becomes clear he had been waiting for someone naive and trusting like Oscar to come along.

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In this Thursday Oct.3, 2013 photo, Briton Sean Ellis, second from left, writer-director of "Metro Manila" - Britain's nominee to the Oscar Awards' best foreign language film, poses with his actors, from left, Jake Macapagal, John Arcilla and Althea Vega, prior to the premier screening at a cinema in Taguig city, east of Manila, Philippines.

Ellis said the story was inspired by a scene he witnessed while visiting the Philippines. Two employees of an armored truck company, wearing bulletproof jackets and helmets and lugging M16 rifles, were screaming at each other. It ended with one of them kicking the truck before they both got in and drove off.

He said the scene remained with him when he returned to Britain and he kept on wondering what they were arguing about. That led him to develop a 20-page synopsis. He then flew to Los Angeles to flesh out the script with his friend Frank E. Flowers.

The script was in English, but Ellis allowed the actors to translate their lines into the Philippine language of Tagalog.

Ellis said it was strange to direct a movie in a language he could not understand, but for only "about five seconds, because then you start to see the performance and you're not worried about the words they're saying, you trust them to say the words that are in the script."

Macapagal, 47, who spent a decade in Europe working in the musical stage production "Miss Saigon," said the role was "challenging, but not very far from every Filipino's plight." Macapagal said he could easily relate to Oscar's life because he does not come from a privileged background.

Manila's dark side has been explored in several films by Filipino directors, including the classic 1975 film "Manila, in the Claws of Light" by the late award-wining director Lino Brocka, and more recently by noted director Brillante Mendoza.

"There's a texture in our city that we don't normally see because there are times we numb ourselves to the poverty," Macapagal said, adding that Ellis "looks at things you don't normally look at."

Arcilla said the poverty shown in the movie can be found in slums in many countries. "For me it's not really about poverty, its more on human survival and more on human sacrifice," he said.

Vega, 25, said it's a story about taking chances and making desperate choices to survive.

'Walking Dead' brings new life to Georgia town

GRANTVILLE, Georgia (AP)—When the cotton mill closed, the rural Georgia town of Grantville began a slow transformation into a ghost town.
Residents fled. Storefronts faded. Buildings decayed.

Over the decades, time turned the remains of the town into something almost post-apocalyptic, the perfect modern-day set for humans and "walkers" to attack one another. That's how the hugely popular TV show "The Walking Dead" ended up coming to town and bringing new life to Grantville.

Several key scenes in one episode from the AMC series were filmed on and near a one-block stretch of antique buildings on Grantville's Main Street.

The series' fourth season premieres on Oct. 13. Crews have been filming the new episodes in Georgia, but they keep locations of future episodes closely guarded secrets until the shows air.

In Grantville, the town's ruins were featured prominently last season. Bodies of walkers slain on the show were buried in a vacant lot beneath the brick archway remaining from a cotton mill building. Gunshots were fired from a nearby rooftop.

And actor Chandler Riggs, who plays a boy on the show, entertained himself between scenes by placing pennies on the railroad tracks, the coins soon smashed into souvenirs by passing freight trains.

Now, every Saturday, visitors from around the country and the world turn off Interstate 85 and onto a two-lane highway that leads to the tiny town 49 miles (79 kilometers) southwest of Atlanta.

Since last summer, more than 3,600 visitors have taken a free tour led by Grantville Mayor Jim Sells, who explains where each scene from the "Clear" episode—during which the character Morgan makes it his mission to "clear" walkers by killing them—was filmed.

Visitors have come from as far as Australia, Singapore and Brazil, giving new life to the town through tourism, Sells said. He calls it phenomenal, but adds: "We don't understand it."

"Nobody came after they filmed 'Lawless' and 'Broken Bridges' here," he said, referring to movies shot in the town.

"But once this episode aired from The Walking Dead, people started showing up from all over."

The cotton textile industry once fueled the economy of Grantville and the other towns in Coweta County, where a stretch of Interstate 85 is named the Alan Jackson Highway, for the country singer who grew up in nearby Newnan and wrote the 1993 hit song about the Chattahoochee River.

Grantville eventually became known by residents in the area as "the liquor exit"—it's the only place in Coweta County to buy bottled liquor. But Sells said that "when textiles left, this town died."

Then came the film crews.

Though Union troops destroyed train stations in many Georgia towns near the end of the Civil War, Grantville's survived. The mayor recalled how "Walking Dead" production crews took just four hours to transform the old freight depot into a restaurant where actors battled zombies. The trains a few feet (meters) away occasionally interrupted filming, Sells said, since railroads typically don't share train schedules with film crews.

Grantville is among a handful of rural Georgia towns undergoing a renaissance, thanks to the AMC show.

In nearby Senoia, many scenes are filmed in the historic downtown area, transforming into the fictional town of Woodbury for the show.

In Haralson, tours are offered each weekend for fans to enter the barn that was the scene of an ambush. They can hold an M16 out the same window as one "Walking Dead" actor did.

Other tours are offered in Atlanta, where a memorable scene from the show's first season was filmed atop the roof of the old Norfolk Southern headquarters on the southern edge of downtown. Another key scene—a massive battle involving dozens of walkers and a military tank—took place in the Fairlie-Poplar Historic District.

On a recent Saturday in Grantville, visitors gathered at Station 22 Grill, as groups do every Saturday, to watch the "Clear" episode, the 12th in the show's third season. Production crews blocked off Main Street for 15 days for filming.

Many townspeople know the dialogue by heart. A dishwasher behind the bar mouths the words: "You said that you would turn on your radio every day at dawn. ... And you were not there!"

When the episode ends, more than 50 people gather around Sells. He leads them around town and then inside a second-story apartment, the hideout used by one of the characters in the show. The walls are covered with chalk-drawn rantings as they were during filming. The small-animal cages, used to hold rabbits and other bait for walkers, and a couple of rifles are there, too.

Sells said "The Walking Dead" and other filming have revived interest and optimism for Grantville's future. He recalled how last month, actor Jim Carrey signed autographs and posed for pictures in Grantville after filming scenes for "Dumb and Dumber To."

Now, Sells hopes "The Walking Dead" draws enough attention and visitors to Grantville that perhaps new businesses will locate there.

"We could use a grocery store, a drug store, a daycare," the mayor said.

AP

In this image released by AMC, zombies appear in a scene from the second season of the AMC original series, "The Walking Dead," in Senoia, Ga. The series' fourth season premieres on Oct. 13.

'Breaking Bad' fans place Walter White obituary

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The government is shut down. There was a deadly chase in the nation's capital. But the reason Albuquerque Journals are selling out across town has nothing to do with all that seriousness. Fans are clamoring for copies of Friday editions with a fake obit for Walter White.

Placed by "Breaking Bad" fans who said they wanted "closure" after the series finale Sunday, the notice appears on page A4 of Friday's Journal. It's headlined "White, Walter" and includes a photo of Bryan Cranston, the actor who played the chemistry teacher turned drug kingpin on the popular AMC drama filmed in Albuquerque.

Cranston

The obituary says the 52-year-old "founded a meth manufacturing empire" and he died "after a long battle with lung cancer and a gunshot wound."

Journal Editor Kent Walz says his digital team reports online traffic for the White obit and a story explaining its origins is about 40 times that of a typical story, and the library says calls for copies of the paper have been nonstop.

"We won't have single copy sales numbers until next week, but the circulation department says some locations have called saying they were out of copies and asking for more," he said. "I understand people are selling them on eBay for $7 or $8."

Walz said newspaper managers did have a discussion about whether to accept the ad.

"We decided to publish it, along with the story explaining how it came about and who submitted it," he said. "We also felt it should be not be published as part of the regular obituaries, both because it was of a TV character and out of respect for families that had lost loved ones. That explains the location on page A4."

The Journal did get one complaint, he said, "from somebody who says he had avoided knowing what happened to Walter and was going to watch the episode later. He said we ruined it for him."

Miley Cyrus rules 'SNL' as host and musical guest

AP

This Oct. 1, 2013 photo released by NBC shows cast member Taran Killam, left, and actress-singer Miley Cyrus during a promo for the upcoming "Saturday Night Live," in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Miley Cyrus cautioned viewers she wouldn't be twerking on "Saturday Night Live."

But she commanded the stage on this week's edition of the NBC sketch comedy show, serving as both host and musical guest.

And she did some shimmying as an over-sexed Congresswoman Michele Bachmann in a parody video about the government shutdown.

Cyrus seized attention and criticism in August for her sexually charged MTV Video Music Awards performance, which featured the singer in scanty garb while exhibiting suggestive twerking gyrations.

During Saturday's open, Cyrus made sport of the hubbub surrounding her racy display. She joked that she used to think twerking was cool, but changed her mind now that white people are doing it.

Besides participating in several sketches, she performed two songs.

Her album, "Bangerz," is out Tuesday.

Goldie Hawn among celebs at Brazil AIDS gala

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Supermodel Linda Evangelista, actress Goldie Hawn and designer Kenneth Cole lent their star power to a glitzy charity dinner and auction that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for AIDS research and prevention.

Around 300 people in their evening finest showed up Friday at Rio de Janeiro's stately Copacabana Palace hotel for the $2,500-a-plate black tie gala organized by the international nonprofit organization amfAR. The AIDS research foundation hosts some of the world's most glamorous events, including the annual dinner during the Cannes Film Festival that's become a virtual Who's Who of the movie business.

This was the organization's first event in Rio, which is in the midst of its own film festival, and Brazilian celebrities were out in force. In addition to the gaggle of lanky models who towered over the rest of the crowd, there were designers including bikini queen Lenny Niemeyer, socialite Andrea Dellal and her daughter, punky model Alice Dellal, as well as several of the country's top soap opera actresses.

Hawn lavished praise on Rio, calling its residents "so kind and wonderful," and promised to return soon. In the meanwhile, the Academy Award-winning actress exhorted the crowd to bid generously at the auction.

"It's great to help and it's great to have fun," she said, adding that attendees should drink more Champagne to get the generosity flowing.

Over plates of filet mignon, attendees bid on seven lots that included a trip for two to a French chateau owned by the family behind Moet & Chandon Champagne, complete with a visit to the French Open and a gold-leaf covered magnum of bubbly. The package fetched $30,000.

A sepia print by Romanian-born photographer Roberto Dutesco went for $34,000, while a piece by Brazilian artist Ernesto Neto fetched $35,000. But the lots that elicited the most excitement among the crowd involved high-wattage jewelry.

Halle Berry, Olivier Martinez welcome baby boy, series

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It's a boy for Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez.

A representative for the 47-year-old actress confirms that the couple welcomed their son on Saturday.

Berry

Publicist Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson offered no other details.

E! News reports Berry delivered the baby at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

This is the second child for Berry. She has a 5-year-old daughter with her ex-boyfriend, Gabriel Aubry. The two settled their custody battle over the child in 2012.

This is the first child for Martinez. The French actor and Berry married in July.

Also, CBS says Berry will star in a serialized drama coming to the network next summer.

The Oscar-winning actress will headline "Extant," a 13-episode thriller. Berry will play an astronaut trying to reconnect with her family when she returns after a year in outer space. Her experiences lead to events that change the course of history.

The series is being made in partnership with Steven Spielberg's Amblin Television, which made last summer's surprise hit for CBS, "Under the Dome." CBS announced "Extant" in August.

CBS Entertainment president Nina Tassler said Berry is the type of actress "you dream of collaborating with for an event project such as `Extant.'"

The 47-year-old Berry won an Oscar in 2002 for her starring role in "Monster's Ball."

Letterman signs for CBS's 'Late Show' into 2015

NEW YORK (AP)—David Letterman, already the longest-tenured talk show host on late-night television, has agreed to extend his contract with CBS to remain on the "Late Show" into 2015.

The deal means Letterman will compete directly for at least a year with the two Jimmys—Kimmel, on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and Fallon, who's taking over at NBC's "Tonight" show this winter.

Letterman joked on Friday that he had a lengthy discussion with CBS Corp. President Leslie Moonves "and we both agreed that I needed a little more time to fully run the show into the ground."

Letterman, 66, has been on the air for 31 years since beginning at NBC in the time slot following Johnny Carson in 1982. His contract was set to expire next summer.

It's unclear how long into 2015 the new contract extends. Neither CBS nor Letterman made any mention in Friday's announcement of this being a final contract at the "Late Show."

In the increasingly competitive late-night world, where Letterman also competes with new Emmy Award winner Stephen Colbert on Comedy Central, Letterman averaged 2.89 million viewers for the TV season that ended last month. That's down 3 percent from the previous year.

Jay Leno and the "Tonight" show averaged 3.55 million viewers, the Nielsen ratings company said. NBC is getting ready to take Leno off "Tonight" for a second time, with his exit scheduled for Feb. 6. Fallon, who's moving the show back to New York, starts after the Winter Olympics on Feb. 24.

Kimmel's show on ABC has averaged 2.42 million viewers since it began competing directly with Letterman and Leno in January.

In-law will be outlaw if she pursues relationship with dad

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife, "Carole," have been married for two years. I was recently introduced to her father, "Ted," who has been alone for 13 years. Carole told me later in no uncertain terms that I cannot have a romantic relationship with her father. Then she repeated the same thing to him.

Do you think it's right for adult children to dictate to their parents who they can and cannot see? Ted and I are perplexed. We really like each other and would like to see where this relationship could go. We laugh easily together, cook in the kitchen well together, can talk for hours and generally are very compatible. We have both discussed our pasts and have been honest with each other. What's your opinion?

DESERVES TO BE HAPPY IN FLORIDA

DEAR DESERVES: Before the relationship goes further, you and Ted should step back and ask yourselves what might happen if this romance doesn't work out. Would the hurt feelings disrupt the family dynamic? If this can be handled thoughtfully, with grace and maturity, I agree that you deserve to be happy. While adult offspring may try to dictate what their parents can and cannot do, as mature adults, you do not have to blindly accept it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with "Kurt" for many years. We met during Little League, and as we got older we stood up in each other's wedding. He was my best man.

Kurt's marriage is in trouble because he has a gambling problem. I feel guilty because I never said anything to him about it when we were together at the casino and he was spending more money than he could afford. I was with him only a handful of times, but I still think I should have spoken up.

Should I have? Or wouldn't it have mattered if I did? Kurt is going to Gamblers Anonymous meetings now, trying to save his marriage.

GUILTY IN WISCONSIN

DEAR GUILTY: You could have said something to your friend, but the question is, would Kurt have listened and accepted what you were trying to convey? People who have addictions are usually in denial until they have no other choice but to face it.

Your feeling guilty won't help this situation. Being supportive of your longtime friend and making sure that when you're together there is no wagering happening (i.e., on sporting events) would be helpful. The rest is up to him.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently ended a two-year relationship with my boyfriend. We are both 20. He was a great boyfriend—always patient, kind, gentle and loving. However, I was often impatient, short-tempered and controlling. These issues were my personal problems. I always tried to work on them, but although it got better, I knew I wasn't treating him the way I should. I ended things with him because I felt guilty.

It has been a month now, and I'm having second thoughts about having ended it with an almost-perfect person. I miss him. Would it be unwise to reach out to him again?

BROKEN UP BUT NOT OVER IT

DEAR NOT OVER IT: Not necessarily. But before you do, allow yourself a period of introspection during which you focus less on your missing him and concentrate on why you were abusive to him. A man with his qualities deserves to be treated with more respect than you showed him. The truism, "If you don't value what you've got, you will lose it," applies to relationships.

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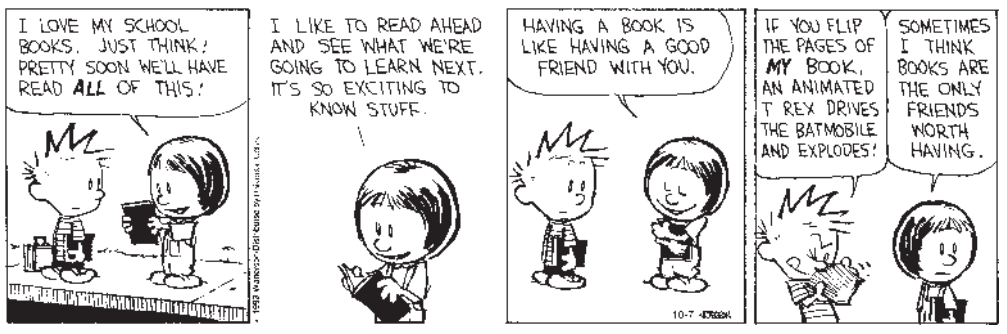
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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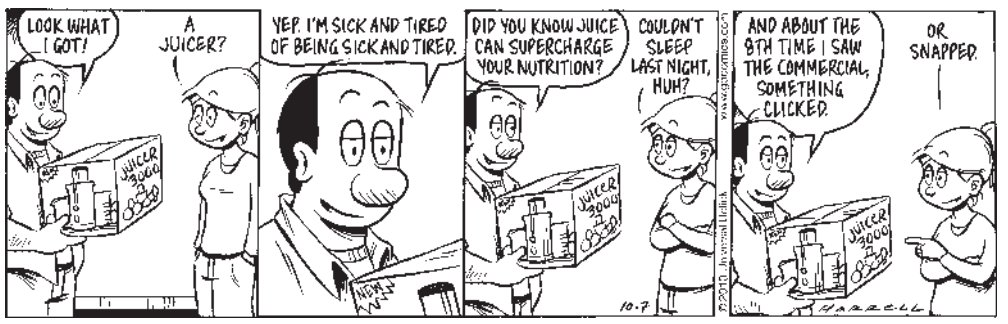
LOOK WHAT I GOT!
A JUICER?
YEP. I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED.
DID YOU KNOW JUICE CAN SUPERCHARGE YOUR NUTRITION?
COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT, HUH?
AND ABOUT THE 8TH TIME I SAW THE COMMERCIAL, SOMETHING CLICKED.
OR SNAPPED.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Selleck or Cruise
4 Inquire
7 "Nobody doesn't like — Lee"
11 Concoct
13 Privy
14 Even, scorewise
15 Logical
16 In favor of
17 Incite
18 Luxurious
20 Requirement
22 Bill
24 Lack of vitality
28 Olympic spear
32 Entanglement
33 Eastern potentate (Var.)
34 Saget or Newhart
36 Small combo
37 Tubular pasta
39 Petition
41 A suitable amount
43 Lair
44 Part of speech
46 "Saturday Night Fever" setting
50 Sandwich shop
53 Do some lawnwork
55 October stone
56 Black-and-white cookie
57 Sch. org.
58 Baseball team
59 Profit
60 Coop dweller
61 Ultra-modern

DOWN

1 Recipe meas.
2 Exam format
3 Options list
4 TV alien
5 In due time
6 "M*A*S*H" setting
7 Campus rec building
8 Atmosphere
9 Rule, for short
10 Citric beverage
12 Telegram company of yore
19 Actor Linden
21 Type measures
23 Chest protector
25 Stallion's partner
26 Eye part
27 Oodles
28 Mocking remark
29 "So be it"
30 Source of veritas
31 Neither mate
35 Foundation
38 Id counterpart
40 Proof abbr.
42 Contemptuous snort
45 Memo
47 Whirl
48 Walking stick
49 Margarine
50 Pooch
51 Historic time
52 Mainlander's souvenir
54 Pale

Solution time: 27 mins.

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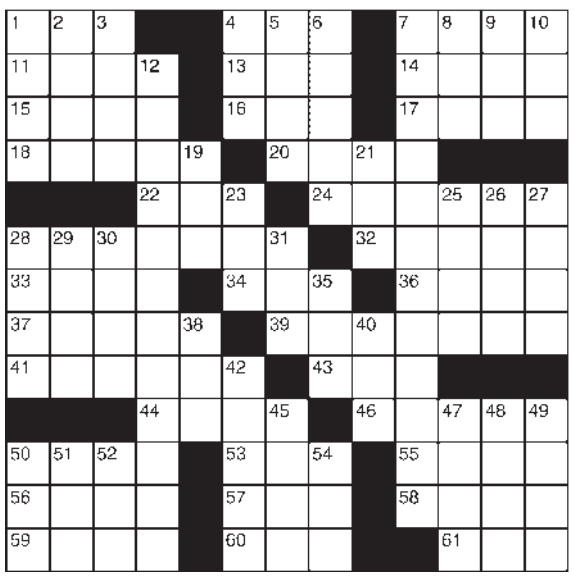
Friday's answer 10-7



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 34; Toni Braxton, 47; Simon Cowell, 54; Joy Behar, 71.

Happy Birthday: Explore new avenues. Use your skills and talents to look for vocations that help you expand your income. A creative approach to an old idea can be the ideal solution when it comes to making extra cash. Networking should be your primary interest. Express your feelings and make the changes that will help improve your personal life and your relationships. Your numbers are 2, 9, 15, 21, 28, 33, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Look forward to an inheritance, settlement, contract or reimbursement. Make final alterations to a job or goal you are working toward. Romance is on the rise, and a promise someone made to you will be honored. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Keep life simple and refrain from sharing personal information. Emotional encounters will be difficult to handle and can lead to a dispute. A change in the dynamic of a partnership is likely to cause regrets. Avoid taking on added responsibilities. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Look for alternate ways to use your skills. Talk to someone influential, and you will get the inside scoop about a better position. Problems at home will surface if you aren't attentive. A change at home will help as well as promote love. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You have more control than you realize, so make a move or decision that suits you. Travel and socializing will promote new friendships. Love, romance and having fun should be your goal. Don't let someone else disrupt your plans. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Choose your words wisely and pick and choose your battles. Focus on finances, medical issues and especially home and family. Nurturing and protecting what you have will be well worth your while. Someone may try to take advantage of your generosity. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Share your thoughts, feelings and plans. Get together with friends or consider getting involved in a community event. Avoid getting implicated in secret plans that might get you into trouble with someone you love. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You have more choices than you realize. Look at your attributes, skills and connections, and you will discover that you can network your way to a better position. Someone will try to inch back into your life. Don't be too accommodating. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Control your emotions. Listen, observe and save your thoughts until you have all the information you need to come up with a viable solution. Less anger and more help will ensure that you don't upset someone you love. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): By helping others, you will attract attention and the possibility of a position that interests you. A change at home will be positive. An investment will pay off and boost your status. Remain open regarding your plans. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Show off a little, and you will make a good impression with someone who has something to offer you. A change of plans must not throw you off guard. Use your clout, knowledge, expertise and connections to keep things running smoothly. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You'll be offended easily and are best to keep your distance from people who tend to meddle and interfere. Put your effort into self-improvement and meeting any deadline you've been given. Invest in your skills and your home. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Focus on what you can do to improve your financial, emotional or physical well-being. Someone you work with will have a money issue that can end up costing you. Use innovative ideas to gain support and reinforce your goals. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have backbone, integrity and relentless courage. You are determined and steadfast.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/07

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/07

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

O SAY CAN YOU SEE Solution: 10 letters

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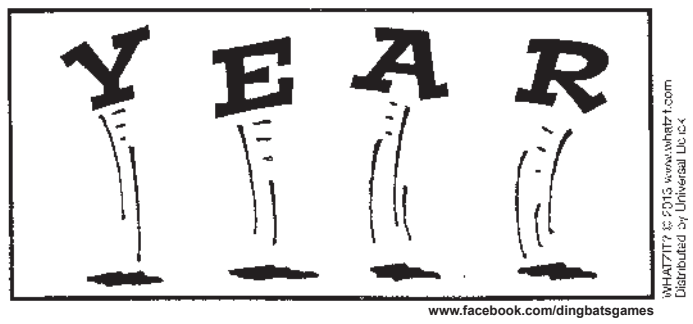

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Ortiz hits 2 HRs to lift Red Sox to 2-0 lead

BOSTON (AP)—John Lackey has watched David Ortiz wreak destruction on playoff opponents before.

He finally got a chance to see it from the same dugout.

"I like it a lot better on this side, that's for sure," Lackey said after Ortiz hit two homers to lead the Red Sox to a 7-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday and give Boston a 2-0 lead in the AL division series.

It was the first two-homer postseason game for Ortiz, who is the only player remaining from the 2004 Red Sox team that won the franchise's first World Series title in 86 years. He was also a star of the `07 team that won it all; both times, they opened the playoffs by eliminating Lackey's Los Angeles Angels.

"He's tough this time of year - any time of year," Lackey said. "He's a guy that likes bright lights, for sure."

Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits and scored three runs for the AL East champions. Dustin Pedroia drove in three runs, and Lackey earned the win in his first postseason start since joining the Red Sox as a free agent in 2010.

Ortiz hit his first homer in the first inning, then his second in the eighth to chase Rays starter David Price.

"As long as we win, it means a lot," Ortiz said. "It's not over. We've got to keep on fighting."

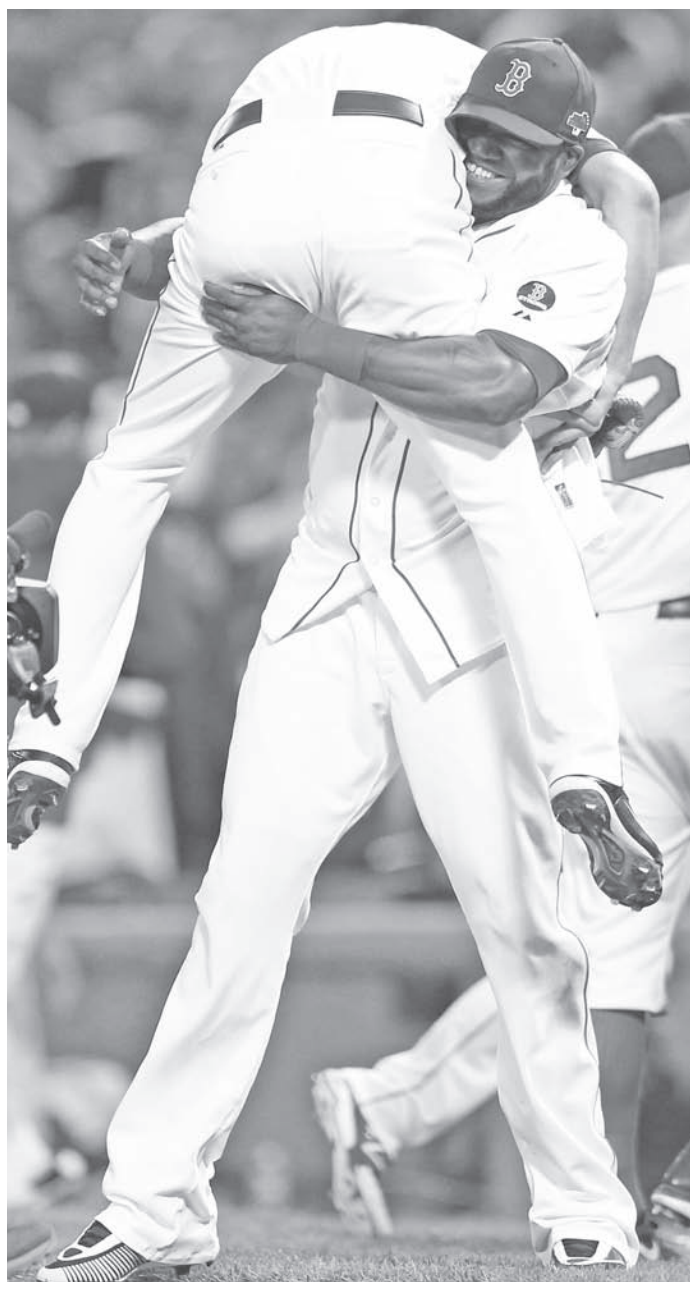
Tampa Bay will need a victory in Game 3 on Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla., to avoid a sweep in the best-of-five series. The Rays won three win-or-go-home games this week just to reach this round, including Price's complete game in the tiebreaker against Texas to determine the second AL wild-card team.

"I'm really looking forward to Game 5 here," said Rays manager Joe Maddon, knowing the Rays would have to win the next two to force the series to the limit. "We just went through a week of (our) backs against the wall, so it's not new to us. It's going to be difficult. ... But I don't think it's impossible by any means."

"Boston this time of the year is kind of lovely, and I'm looking forward to coming back in a few days."

With the situation not yet desperate, Price allowed seven runs on nine hits and two walks, striking out five. He took the mound for the eighth inning, but Ortiz hit his second pitch high over the Pesky Pole, and right-field umpire Chris Guccione signaled it fair.

"When he hits two home runs, things are going to revolve around him," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "He's the main cog in our lineup."



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz lifts Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Koji Uehara after the Red Sox defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, 7-4, in Game 2 of baseball's American League division series Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, in Boston.

There was no such suspense for Ortiz's first homer, which went into Boston bullpen to make it 2-0. Not even right fielder Wil Myers, who misplayed a Big Papi popup into a double in right field in Boston's 12-2 win on Friday, could be blamed for that one.

Every Red Sox starter had a hit and scored a run in Game 1. In the sequel, everyone in the starting lineup got a hit except Mike Napoli, who drew two walks.

Lackey lasted 5 1-3 innings for Boston, allowing four runs on seven hits and three walks. He struck out six and also hit a batter while getting the win. Koji Uehara struck out the first two batters in the ninth before retiring Myers on a grounder.

The most visible - but hardly the only -defensive goat in Game 1, Myers was razzed by the Fenway Park crowd during every at-bat. The Rays rookie drew a sarcastic cheer after catching an easy fly ball in the fifth, but he had no real problems in the field.

Athletics 1, Tigers 0

In Oakland, California, for much of the season, Stephen Vogt caught Sonny Gray with Triple-A Sacramento. Neither could have pictured pairing up on such a sensational playoff moment for the Athletics when they were 90 miles away in California's capital.

One a heralded rookie and the other a relative unknown pushing 29, they provided everything Oakland needed in a 1-0 victory Saturday night that tied its AL division series with the Detroit Tigers at one game apiece.

Vogt hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning after Gray matched zeros with Justin Verlander in a dazzling postseason debut.

"Knowing that we had worked together for so many innings throughout the year, we were talking before the game: `Hey, it's just like this lineup is similar to a lineup in Triple-A,'" Vogt said.

Well, not really. The Tigers feature 2012 Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera and $214 million slugger Prince Fielder.

Gray handled them all with the poise of a seasoned ace.

Yoenis Cespedes and Seth Smith hit back-to-back singles against loser Al Alburquerque to start the winning rally, then Josh Reddick was intentionally walked before Rick Porcello entered to face Vogt. He lined a clean single past drawn-in shortstop Jose Iglesias and into left-center.

"It's just really nice to come out in front of these home fans in a must-win game and come through," Gray said. "It was awesome."

The AL West champion A's had eight walk-off wins during the regular season, then did it again at the perfect time on baseball's October stage.

It was Vogt's first career game-winning hit - and it came after he lost a 10-pitch battle with Verlander in the seventh for his third strikeout of the night.

Grant Balfour pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the win, but it was Gray and Vogt who took celebratory whipped cream pies to the face.

Game 3 is Monday afternoon in Detroit. Jarrod Parker, who pitched Game 1 at Comerica Park last year and lost to Verlander, goes for the A's against 14-game winner Anibal Sanchez.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of adrenaline and how I was able to harness that adrenaline was going to be a big factor in the game," Gray said. "It was awesome because I was still able to locate my pitches without being too shaky."

This marked the first game in postseason history in which both starters had nine strikeouts and no runs allowed.

Alburquerque struck out two in the eighth. He is still remembered for kissing the ball while recording an out in the ninth inning of a Game 2 win last October.

The A's got him this time.

Gray hung tough with a masterful Verlander in a thrilling pitchers' duel between the rookie making his 11th career start and the 2011 AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner. Each calmly worked out of tough jams, wore their emotions on their sleeves - with fist pumps and cheers - and set down the heart of the other's batting order.

Gray struck out nine in eight dazzling innings, allowing four hits. Verlander, who beat the A's twice in the ALDS last fall, struck out 11 to give him 33 Ks in his past three postseason outings against Oakland.

The right-hander ran his postseason scoreless streak against the A's to 22 innings, unfazed by a rowdy sellout crowd of 48,292 on its feet and swirling yellow towels all night.

Or, by Gray's impressive display.

At the start of Verlander's remarkable 2011 season, Gray was finishing up at Vanderbilt before becoming the 18th overall draft pick.

"Obviously, he has a lot of angst and nerves, biggest game of his career," Verlander said. "Sonny did one heck of a job."

Brandon Moss drew a leadoff walk in the seventh and Reddick singled two outs later with Moss beating a throw to third and Reddick advancing. That gave the A's their best scoring chance of the night against Verlander, with two Tigers relievers warming.

Vogt fouled off five straight pitches, laid off a ball and fouled another before ball two. He fouled one more but then struck out on a high 98 mph fastball, and Verlander marched off the mound pumping both fists.

"The at-bat with Verlander, he kept coming at me with everything he's got," Vogt said. "Obviously I didn't come through, ended up with a punchout. I felt pretty good about that at-bat. ... You come up with bases loaded in the ninth, that's what you dream of."

Facing his biggest jam of the night with runners at the corners and one out in the fifth, Gray got Austin Jackson to swing on a 3-0 count and later struck him out. Vogt also fired a perfect throw to second base from behind the plate to get Iglesias for an inning-ending double play.

With a pretty curveball and a fastball firing up to 97 mph, Verlander looked every bit the ace after an up-and-down year in which he managed only one win over his final 10 regular-season starts.

"Verlander was absolutely terrific," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "This is postseason pitching. That's what you saw tonight at its absolute best."

Gray could have been rattled when Torii Hunter pointed at him after the rookie threw high and inside in the top of the third. Hunter stepped well out of the batter's box before returning and striking out on three straight pitches. Gray then fanned Cabrera to strike out the side in order.

A's manager Bob Melvin was thrilled to see Vogt - one of three catchers on the roster - do a little bit of everything.

"That's why we have three here right now. If I could have 10, I'd have 10," he said.

A-Rod sues Yankees team doctor and NYC hospital

NEW YORK (AP)—Alex Rodriguez expanded his assault on the baseball establishment with a lawsuit accusing the Yankees team physician and a New York City hospital of mishandling his medical care during the 2012 AL playoffs.

In a suit filed late Friday in New York Supreme Court in the Bronx, lawyers for Rodriguez say he was given an MRI on Oct. 11, 2012, that revealed an injury to his left hip joint. The suit said that Yankees physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad did not inform him of the tear and cleared him to continue playing, and accused them of medical malpractice.

As a result, the suit claims, Rodriguez further injured himself and also "sustained great pain, agony, injury, suffering, disability, hospitalization, as well as mental anguish and emotional distress." The suit also names New York-Presbyterian Hospital as a defendant.

"We are not commenting due to pending litigation," hospital spokeswoman Myrna Manners said Saturday.

Ahmad did not respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

The hospital and Ahmad may claim that the proper forum for Rodriguez's complaint is either Workman's Compensation or the grievance process of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

The union is attempting to overturn the 211-game suspension given to Rodriguez by MLB on Aug. 5 for alleged violations of its drug agreement and labor contract. The penalty was stayed pending a grievance filed by the union, and a hearing began Monday before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, who is chairman of the three-man arbitration panel that includes a representative of management and the union. Barring a settlement, a decision is not expected until winter.

Also Saturday, The New York Times reported on its website that Rodriguez's lawyers at Reed Smith sent a letter to the players' association General Counsel David Prouty on Aug. 22 asking that a union lawyer be replaced as his representative in the grievance by one of his personal attorneys. The lawyers also criticized union head Michael Weiner, who is battling a brain tumor, for comments he made about the case.

Rodriguez hit .120 (3 for 25) with no RBIs during the 2012 postseason, then had left hip surgery in January that kept him from rejoining the Yankees until August.

One of Rodriguez's lawyers, Joseph Tacopina, said in August that the Yankees "put him out there in that condition when he shouldn't have even been walking, much less playing baseball."

The Yankees maintain that Rodriguez had been complaining at the time only of a problem with his right hip, not the left one. Rodriguez had right hip surgery in 2009.

Americans seize control in Presidents Cup

United States' Phil Mickelson hits from the sand on the first hole during a foursome match against the International team at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—The Presidents Cup has a familiar feel in so many ways.

Players leave every night in darkness and resume matches the next morning when it's almost as dark. The rain never leaves, with another half-inch accumulating on top of a previous inch of rain that led to yet another delay Saturday. The ball doesn't bounce when it lands on the green. It splats.

And the International team is still trying to figure out what it has to do to beat the Americans.

When another long day ended at Muirfield Village, the Americans were assured of the lead going into the final round of singles matches. Zach Johnson took care of that with a wedge from 115 yards that disappeared into the cup for eagle on the 15th hole as he and Jason Dufner completed the only foursomes match with a 4-and-3 victory.

Tiger Woods and Matt Kuchar were doing their part, having won every match they played. Woods delivered another signature moment in the Presidents Cup, hitting a fairway metal that plopped down 4 feet below the pin for an eagle that was conceded and a 2-up lead that allowed them to rally for a fourballs win earlier Saturday.

Woods and Kuchar were 2 down at the turn in their foursomes match against Ernie Els and Brendon de Jonge.

"This guy is a horse - holy cow!" Kuchar said. "He played some incredible golf today."

Still to be determined was how big the lead was going to be.

The other four matches were to be completed Sunday morning—weather permitting—and the Americans were leading 11 1/2-6 1/2. They were 2 up in one match, while the Internationals were 3 up and 2 up in two others. The fourth match was all square, momentum on the American side.

"Well, it's not over," International captain Nick Price said. "We've still got a lot of golf to play tomorrow, and I have the utmost confidence in these guys that they can turn those two games around. We don't want to go into the singles with too much of a deficit."

Since the Presidents Cup began in 1994, no team has ever trailed going into singles and won outright. The Americans were three points behind in 2003 and rallied for that infamous tie in South Africa.

"The U.S. has really been unrelenting," Price said. "They have just played superbly the last three days. Any slip from us and we find ourselves one or two down very quickly."

The final hour was another example of that.

Early in the foursomes session, the board was filled with blue International scores on the front nine. Steve Stricker and Bill Haas warmed up their putters and went from 1 down to a 2-up lead through 10 holes. Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley, who rallied earlier in a fourballs match to win, were 3 down through seven holes when Mickelson made two big putts that led to them squaring the match through 14 holes.

Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel were 3 up over Webb Simpson and Brandt Snedeker through 12 holes.

"We're still in pretty good shape," Price said. "If we can turn one of these games around tomorrow, it would make our life a lot easier going into singles."

But not that easy. The Americans have a 5-1-3 advantage in the singles session at the Presidents Cup, the only loss coming in 2007 at Royal Montreal when they started the final round with a seven-point lead.

The International team was doing well to stay in range until one session put it in a big hole.

The long day began with the Angel Cabrera and Marc Leishman coming up with big shots late for a 2-and-1 win, which enabled the Internationals to scratch out a 3-3 draw in foursomes that began on Friday. It was the first time since 2005 that the Internationals did not lose a foursomes session.

But in fourballs, everything changed. Mickelson and Bradley made seven birdies in an eight-hole stretch to go from 2 down to a 2-and-1 win over Els and de Jonge. Woods and Kuchar were never in control of their match against Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama until Woods took over.

He hit an approach into 5 feet for birdie on the 13th, Kuchar finally made a putt with a 7-foot birdie on the 14th and Woods drilled that fairway metal into the 15th for eagle. He crouched and extended his arms as he marched along, and the 2-up lead was too much for the International side to overcome.

Woods was not made available for interviews. The second of two questions on a transcript the PGA Tour distributed mentioned that he was 3-0 and asked how his week was going so far.

"So far 3-0," Woods replied.

The Americans wound up going 4-1 in the fourballs scheduled for Saturday morning. It was the most lopsided session this week, but it was enough to make the International team face another tough climb if it wants to take home the gold cup it has won only one time - 15 years ago.

"We had close games that went the U.S. way," Price said.

The lone International win in fourballs came from Jason Day and Graham DeLaet, who gave Stricker and 20-year-old Jordan Spieth their first loss. The American tandem of young and old - Stricker at 46 is the oldest player on either team - fell behind for the first time all week. Stricker's birdie on the 15th tied the match, only for DeLaet to stuff his tee shot into 6 feet for birdie on the 16th for a lead they held.

Dufner sat out the morning balls. Mahan, along with Spieth, sat out in the afternoon. U.S. captain Fred Couples was pleased that both contributed when it was their turn to play.

He has gotten that out of all his players - each one has contributed at least a point his week. On the International side, Branden Grace and Richard Sterne have been shut out. Sterne was with Leishman in the afternoon foursomes. They were 2 up through seven holes until Johnson and Dufner won six out of the next eight for another American point.

Obama open to name change for Washington Redskins

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says he would ''think about changing" the Washington Redskins' name if he owned the football team as he waded into the controversy involving a word many consider offensive to Native Americans.

Obama, in an interview with The Associated Press, said team names such as the Redskins offend "a sizable group of people." He said that while fans get attached to the names, nostalgia may not be a good enough reason to keep them in place.

''I don't know whether our attachment to a particular name should override the real legitimate concerns that people have about these things," he said in the interview, which was conducted Friday at the White House.

An avid sports fan who roots for his hometown Chicago Bears, Obama said he doesn't think Washington football fans are purposely trying to offend American Indians. ''I don't want to detract from the wonderful Redskins fans that are here. They love their team and rightly so," he said.

But he appeared to come down on the side of those who have sharply criticized the football team's name, noting that Indians ''feel pretty strongly" about mascots and team names that depict negative stereotypes about their heritage.

The team's owner, Dan Snyder has vowed to never abandon the name.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said last month that the league should pay attention to those offended by the name —a subtle change in position for Goodell, who had more strongly supported the name in his previous statements this year.

Lanny J. Davis, an attorney for the Redskins, said the team's fans don't intend to ''disparage or disrespect" anyone.

''The name 'Washington Redskins' is 80 years old. It's our history and legacy and tradition," Davis said in an emailed statement in which he also identified himself as an Obama supporter. ''We Redskins fans sing 'Hail to the Redskins' every Sunday as a word of honor, not disparagement."

Other professional sports teams have Indian names, including football's Kansas City Chiefs and baseball's Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians. Davis referred to fans of those teams and hockey's Chicago Blackhawks in his statement, saying Redskins fans ''love our team and its name and, like those fans, we do not intend to disparage or disrespect a racial or ethnic group."

Numerous colleges and universities have changed names that reference Native Americans. St. John's changed its mascot from the Redmen to the Red Storm, Marquette is now the Golden Eagles instead of the Warriors and Stanford switched from the Indians to the Cardinal.

The Redskins' name has attracted a fresh round of controversy in recent months, with local leaders in Washington calling for a name change and some media outlets refraining from using the name. The name is the subject of a long-running legal challenge from a group of American Indians seeking to block the team from having federal trademark protection.

Congressional lawmakers have introduced a bill seeking the same goal, though it appears unlikely to pass.

''What a prudent and wise use of the bully pulpit," Suzan Shown Harjo, a plaintiff in that case, said in an interview Saturday. ''I am so glad that he said that and I hope that people hear a reasoned response from the president and will pay attention to this issue."

Derrick Rose returns in exhibition opener

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Derrick Rose made a successful return to the Chicago Bulls, scoring 13 points in 20 minutes in an 82-76 exhibition victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night

Rose led the Bulls to the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference two seasons ago before he tore his left ACL during the playoffs, then missed all of last season while recovering.

Rose was at his lightning-fast best against the Pacers in the preseason opener for both teams, breaking away for several layups and converting a steal and dunk in the third quarter. He appeared unafraid of contact, constantly challenging Indiana's large front line. He misconnected with his teammates several times and committed four turnovers.

Indiana's Danny Granger also returned after missing most of last season with a left knee injury. He finished with six points on 2-for-10 shooting in 29 minutes.

Taj Gibson had 18 points and 12 rebounds, Luol Deng scored 15 points and Jimmy Butler added 11 for the Bulls. Paul George and David West each scored 14 points and Roy Hibbert added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers.

Rose sat on the bench praying in the moments before the opening tip. A large contingent of Bulls fans made the short trip, and they cheered loudly the first time he touched the ball. On his first shot attempt, he challenged the 7-foot-2, 290-pound Hibbert. Rose missed, but got the offensive rebound and scored.

At 7:17 in the first quarter, Rose stepped in to try and take a charge from Lance Stephenson, but he was called for a block. He played the first 7:02 and went 1 for 4 from the field with an assist. Rose sat on the baseline and rolled a softball under the back of the previously injured knee while he was out of the game.

He returned with 8:31 remaining in the second quarter. He showed some of his speed with a breakaway layup with 7:45 left in the second quarter, though it might have been a dunk in his pre-injury days. Later, after a steal, Rose came up stretching his right leg out.

Then, it happened. Carlos Boozer snagged a rebound and swung the ball out to Rose, who ran the length of the floor in seemingly no time, scored an up-and-under layup and was fouled. He made the free throw to give the Bulls a 34-31 lead with 4:32 left in the first half.

Rose scored another fast-break layup less than a minute later, then hit Deng with a perfect setup for a 3-pointer to push Chicago's lead to 39-33. Rose took a hard foul from Hibbert with 1:34 left in the first half, but quickly got up and walked away, maintaining the calm demeanor he was known for before his injury. He made both free throws to give Chicago a 41-36 lead.

Hoopaholics, KB Market bounce back

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Members and officials of the Hoopaholics pose for a group photo during the opening ceremony for the UFO Budweiser caging late last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

KB Market and the Hoopaholics recovered from their debut losses after beating separate foes in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

KB Market, which bowed to Axe Proa last Tuesday, bounced back with a 103-83 trashing of the JP World Corporation in the curtain-raiser, while the Hoopaholics played in the last match of the day and notched a 75-66 victory over Toka Degree (0-2).

The first match of the day was close in the first half and JP World was still in the game after the third period, facing only an 8-point deficit, 78-86, before it collapsed in the fourth canto. JP World scored only 5 points in the final frame against the 17 of KB Market. Only Gil Gapor and Freddie Pelisamen had field goals for JP World, while KB Market earned several points from the foul line early in the fourth to widen its gap and complete the 20-point win with back-to-back triples from Elmer Esdrelon and Pando Muleta in the closing minutes.

Esdrelon sizzled for 32 points for KB Market and hit six triples, while Ivan Devero and Brendon Talania also finished in twin digits with 18 and 12, respectively.

Pelisamen paced JP World with his 18 points. Three more JP World players also netted double figures, but only eight players suited up for coach Marvin Deocares and most of them were gassed out against the much fresher legs of KB Market in the final canto.

In the second game, the Hoopaholics also took charge in the fourth quarter to turn a 47-54 deficit to the 9-point win.

The Hoopaholics, which suffered a sorry 70-71 loss to Kanoa in the league opener, fired 29 big points in the fourth frame against the dozen of Toka to post the come-from-behind win. The Hoops spread the wealth in the fourth canto to overhaul Toka's lead and steal the win. Jerry Diaz led the fourth period attack, as he scored 9 of his 13 points in that quarter, including crucial free throws that iced it for the Hoops.

The Hoopaholics also capitalized on the foul troubled Toka, gaining 12 points from the stripe in the fourth frame. Toka got only four points from the foul line and was held to four field goals in the last 10 minutes of play.

First Game

KB Market 103 – Esdrelon 32, Devero 18, Talania 12, Muleta 7, De Dios 7, Manalo 6, Aquino 6, Galarse 5, Guiab 4, Berline 2.

JP World Corporation 83 – Pelisamen 18, Estolas 17, Demapan 16, Peredo 13, Gapor 9, Fernando 8.

Scoring by quarters: 26-24, 50-47, 86-78, 103-83.

Second Game

Hoopaholics 75 – Itibus 13, Diaz 13, Babauta 12, Fitial 8, Lauron 7, Manibusan 7, Tenorio 5, Mendez 3, Lisua 3, Cabrera 2, Litulimar 2.

Toka Degree 66 – Camacho 20, T. Diaz 19, Aughenbaugh 8, Je. Joyner 5, Mendiola 4, E. Diaz 3, Peters 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-23, 37-41, 47-54, 75-66.

GCA

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Over at the north court, GCA also nailed a 2-1 triumph over Southern. The Eagles cruised to the 10-point win in the first set, 25-15, lost the second, 16-25, but saved the win with a 15-5 victory in the third set.

GCA had back-to-back games in the opening day and this time swept Kagman on the south court, 25-12, 25-17, 15-9. In the other second match set in Day 1, MHS got a free win after a no-show from Mt. Carmel on the north court.

The Dolphins then went 2-0 after blanking Southern in the first game last Wednesday on the north court, 25-11, 25-12, 15-3. On the south side, SIS also did not give up a single set against Mt. Carmel, notching a 25-11, 25-20, 15-10 victory.

The Knights bounced back in the second game on the north court, tripping MBA. Mt. Carmel dropped the first set, 13-25, but stole the win after sweeping the last two sets, 26-24, 15-11. On the south side, SIS kept its perfect slate after handing MHS its first loss. The Geckos secured the win after prevailing in the first two sets, 25-15, 25-14, before the Dolphins pulled off a 15-5 victory in the last set.

Meanwhile, after going 0-2 in the first two days of the league, Southern came out strong in last Friday's matches. The Rays first defeated the Ayuyus, 23-15, 16-25, 15-8, and then notched back-to-back victories after slipping past MBA, 25-21, 11-25, 15-13.

In other results last Friday, GCA gained a share of the lead with SIS after downing Mt. Carmel. GCA earned the early victory after winning the first two sets, 25-17, 25-17, while the Knights avoided a shutout after nailing a 15-12 triumph in the third and last set. MHS also made it to the win column last Friday, following a sweep of Kagman, 25-14, 25-19, 15-13.

Action in the MISO volleyball league will continue today with SIS and GCA colliding for the solo lead at 4:30pm on the north court, and Kagman and Mt. Carmel dueling on the south side. In the second game at 5:30pm, it will be MHS versus MBA on the north court, and Mt. Carmel against Southern on the south side.

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as the Giants held strong on defense in the last two innings.

The Giants booted out the first two Cardinals batters at the bottom of the sixth and with third batter Davie Matagolai in scoring position, the former got the third out with L.J. Sebaklim catching a fly ball from Hocog. The Cardinals tried to score anew in the last inning as they loaded the bases, but T.J. Dela Cruz and Jerry Kintol teamed up in a 5-3 putout play to end the game.

The victory in the make-up game allowed the Giants to recover from a sorry 7-14 loss to the Dodgers (4-7), while the defeat kept the Cardinals winless in 12 games (pending another continuation match against the Padres last Saturday).

Tigers 4, Padres 0

The Tigers also stayed in the hunt for a playoff spot after pulling off an upset over the Padres last Wednesday.

The Tigers utilized three pitchers against the Padres and gave up only five hits. Justin Reyes started out for the Tigers, gave up three hits, walked one, and struck out one in 3.2 innings. Jake Santos was next on the mound and allowed no hits and two walks in 2.1 innings pitch, while Bret Halstead closed out for the Tigers and kept the shutout. With the three pitchers' steady play and the rest of the Tigers' defense in place the Padres made it to scoring position only twice and were frustrated each time.

Juan Rabauliman advanced to third at the top of the third after a single, stolen base, and passed ball, but was stuck there when T.J. Sablan caught a fly ball from Leeroy Regis. Leadoff batter Lancaster Secharmidal also reached third in the fourth inning after a walk, stolen base, and passed ball, but Sablan was there on defense again, picking up a line drive from the former's brother, Virgil, for the third out.

On offense, the Tigers recorded three earned runs with Cedric Ada blasting an RBI single in the first, Jose Lizama singling in Sablan in the second, and J.J. Chong bringing Ada home off a double in the sixth inning. Chong also made it home in the sixth inning off a wild pitch.

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and son Adam and Sean Lee, but the latter settled for third place after losing in the playoff hole. Dela Cruz and Atalig had 33s on both nines, while the Lees registered a 34 in the first nine hole and 32 in the last nine of the two-man team tournament.

In the men's Low Net double peoria event, Geon Gu Lee and Shi Feng Jin posted a close victory over Joseph Muna and Paul Miura. Lee and Jin recorded a net 69.80 against the 70 of Miura and Muna. The new Low Net champions (Nick Sablan and Rick Kautz won last year's category) had a 32 and 33 on the front and back nines and -4.80 handicap for a gross 65. Miura and Muna sported a 6 handicap and posted a 39 in the first nine holes and 37 in the last for a gross 76.

Rounding out the Top 3 in the men's Low Net are father and son Roy and Martin Ada. The Adas had a -1.20 handicap and gross 69 after tallying a 35 and 34 on the front and back nines, respectively.

In the women's Low Net, Shiori Onoue and Jeon Me Ae had a 69 to prevail against six other pairs. The winning duo shot a 32 on the front nine and 37 on the back, recording a 0 handicap. Mio Kim and Sun Sook Kim, who had a 4.80 handicap, came in at second after tallying a gross 70.20, built from their 38 in the first nine holes and 37 in the last. Yugo Togawa and Jung Yoon Kim completed the Top 3 after earning a net 71.40. Togawa and Yoon Kim recorded a 36 and 33 on the front and back nines, respectively and had a -2.40 handicap. Lorraine Babauta and Sherlyn Jones won last year's Ladies flight.

The Top 3 finishers in each category received cash prizes with $1,000 going to the champions, $600 to the runners-up, and $400 to the third finishers.

Besides the division champions, organizers also recognized closest to the pin and longest drive winners. Ben Lizama won the KP contest on hole No. 13 and took home $600, Park Jang Han received a Samsung package for winning on hole No. 7, and Lee Gun Ju swept hole Nos. 13 and 17 to pocket the Docomo/Pacifica Insurance Samsung package and a Delta Air Lines round-trip ticket to the U.S. mainland. Manny Mangarero earned $600 for prevailing in the longest drive contest on hole No. 2 of Laolao's west course.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan turned over the cash prizes to the winners and was assisted by executive director Richard Pierce.

Over 100 golfers participated in the SCC golf tournament that aimed to raise funds for the Chamber's annual college scholarship awards and Sablan acknowledged all the players, volunteers, and sponsors for ensuring the success of the fundraiser.

"Without a doubt, this is the most successful golf tournament we've held to date. Thanks to our many SCC member sponsors, the 125 participants, and spectacular weather that no one expected, the Chamber will easily raise over $10,000 to go towards our college scholarship program," Sablan said in a press statement.

Meanwhile, SCC would like to thank the following tournament sponsors: Steven Brownstein (contributed $6,000 to the tournament and college fund) and Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Motors, Takagi and Associates Insurance, AON/Century Insurance and JoeTen Motors, which contributed hole-in-one prizes, and Docomo Pacific, IT&E, Delta Air Lines and SCC, which contributed KP prizes.

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The Week in Sports

Leagues open new season

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Kick-off games highlighted last week's competitions on Saipan.

In the M-League, the opening games in the fall season finally took place at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Wild Bill's led Week 1 winners in the CNMI's premier men's league. Also notching victories in the opening week were MP United, Tan Holdings FC, Korean Football Association on Saipan, and Shirley's FC.

Still in football, the girls U15 division of the 2013 NMIFA Fall League also had its first set of games with Shirley's FC beating MP United and Tan Holdings winning via forfeiture over Matansa FC.

In basketball, the UFO Budweiser caging kicked off the Open and Masters division contests at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. In the Open division, Kanoa Resort edged the Hoopaholics, 71-70, before the latter recovered against Toka, 75-66. Also winning in Week 1 of the Open division were Ladder Beach, AXE Proa, and KB Market.

In the Masters division, Degree/UPAA stunned defending champion Armatech MDX, while Shakir Realty also prevailed in the opener, downing Pacific Islands Club.

Over at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court, the DL Corp. caging kicked off its second season with defending champion Adobo defeating the Chalan Kanoa Saints in the opener. Also recording victories in the opening week of the DL Corp. caging were the Bandits, Island Floral, and Docomo.

In volleyball at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League started with seven teams battling for the season championship. Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy went undefeated in the opening week with their similar 3-0 records.

Meanwhile, the Triple A baseball league continued with its regular season games. The Padres and Braves remained tied for the lead after last Friday's match, as they hold identical 9-2 slates.

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A Marianas Baptists Academy player receives a serve from Saipan Southern High School during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Two Kagman High School players go for a block against a Marianas High School player during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Armatech's Bruce Berline fakes off the defense of Degree's Ed Cosino, right, and Ferdie Tobias during the opening game in the Masters division of the UFO caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Paire's Jeff Race goes for a header against a Wild Bill's defender during their game in the M-League last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Adobo's Ichitaro Faisao drives against the Saints' Vince Pua during the opening game in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Toka Degree's Juan Camacho goes up for shot against Ladder Beach defenders during their game in the Open division of the UFO Budweiser caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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MP United FC's Tania Tan, left, steps in on defense during their game against Shirley's FC in the girls U15 division of the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall League last week at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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GCA, SIS unbeaten in opening week

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Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy were undefeated in the opening week of the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League.

The Geckos and Eagles earned similar 3-0 records after matches were played last Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Joining SIS and GCA in the team standings are MHS (3-1), Saipan Southern High School (2-2), Mt. Carmel School (1-2), Marianas Baptists Academy (0-3), and Kagman High School (0-3).

The defending champions Geckos kicked off the season with a 2-1 win over the MBA Stormz last Monday. SIS took the first set of the opening match on the south court, 25-12, before MBA recovered in the second, 24-16. SIS went on to foil MBA's upset bid with a 15-6 victory in the deciding third set.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Saipan Southern High School player tries saving the ball from going down, while a Marianas Baptist Academy student stays on defense during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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A Giants runner gets ready for the next play during their make-up game against the Cardinals in the Triple A league last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Giants solidify playoffs bid

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The Giants gained cushion over two rivals after earning a 12-8 victory over the Cardinals in a make-up game in the 2nd Annual DYS/Triple A Youth Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Giants improved to a 7-4 record and are in third place in the team standings (pending the results of the two other games last Saturday), ahead of the Yankees (5-6) and the Tigers (5-7). Only the Top 4 teams after the double-round robin elimination will advance to the playoffs.

The make-up match resumed at the top of the fifth inning with the Giants capitalizing on the early struggle of Cardinals pitcher Austin Hocog and Aurel Mendiola to sneak out five turns and turn a 6-5 lead to an 11-5 advantage. With Hocog on the mound, the Giants got two runs off passed balls, while Ray Borja gave the team their third run off an RBI single. Mendiola then came in for Hocog midway at the top of the fifth and walked three. The Giants also had four stolen bases with Mendiola pitching and one gave the former their fifth run, while the fourth was recorded off catcher Jordan Taitano's error.

The Cardinals got three runs back at the bottom of the fifth inning off two wild pitches and a passed ball, but that was also the last time the team scored,

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New winners in Chamber golf tourney

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Low Gross runners-up Joey Dela Cruz, second left, and J.J. Atalig, third left, pose with Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan, left, and executive director Richard A. Pierce during the awards ceremony for the 6th Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce/Steven Brownstein Golf Classic last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

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The 6th Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce/Steven Brownstein Golf Classic crowned new champions in three divisions last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

In the Low Gross division, which Ralph Yumul and Mike Sablan topped in 2012, Park Joung Hoon and Jason Yi shot a 62 to take the top spot this year, beating 50 other pairs. The Park and Yi tandem carded a 29 on the front nine and 33 on the back for a two-stroke lead over runners-up and last year's low net third finisher J.J. Atalig and Joey Dela Cruz, which logged a 66.

Dela Cruz and Atalig were tied with father

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